

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

THE MADNESS MUST END

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, amazingly, today yet another tragic shooting claimed another promising life.

Not far from my district, near Flint in Mount Morris Township, a six-year-old girl was shot and killed by a classmate. A first grader had a gun and shot a classmate.

These tragedies go on every day. Thirteen children a day are killed by gun violence. Over 5,000 children are killed every year because of guns falling into the wrong hands.

This madness must end.

But, because the Republican leadership insists on pandering to the extreme right wing who thinks that one reasonable gun safety law is one too many, the insanity goes on.

The gun safety conference has not met since August of 1999. Today, I am writing for the fifth time to House Judiciary Committee Chairman HENRY HYDE to urge the Republican Leadership to stop stalling and call a conference meeting.

It is starting to hit close to home for every Member of this House, Mr. Speaker. How many more senseless killings will it take before the Republican Leadership acts? How many more promising young lives do we have to lose?

Quit stalling. Close the gun show loophole. Require child safety locks. Ban the importation of high capacity ammunition clips.

HONORING MS. ROSE MARIE BELL OF MORRIS, IL

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

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Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Ms. Rose Marie Bell of Morris, IL, for the nearly seventeen years of service she has put forth as the Grundy County Circuit Clerk.

In 1983, Robert T. Williamson retired from his duties as Grundy County Circuit Clerk. Ms. Rose Marie Bell, a lifetime resident of the County Seat of Grundy County, was wisely appointed to the position. The Circuit Clerk's seat is open every four years, which means Ms. Bell was elected on four separate occasions before retiring in December of 1999. Three of the four elections were unopposed. This shows her leadership both professionally and in the community have been cherished by the good people of Grundy County.

In 1988, Ms. Bell had the unenviable task of computerizing and automating the Circuit Clerk's office. She led her office through this trying and difficult time. When the spirits were low in the office she would comfort her work-

ers by saying, "And this too shall pass." Ms. Bell told the programmer she wanted a system where a deputy clerk could type in the court proceedings from within the courtroom and they would automatically transfer to the Clerk's office. The programmer said it could not be done, but Ms. Rose Marie Bell insisted on the installation. That particular system was used at that time by many Clerks' offices throughout the state and the code to access the record sheet was "Rose01". A down state judge, upon meeting Ms. Bell, said he was, "pleased to finally meet 'Rose01'."

Not only has Ms. Bell served the public in an official capacity, she was also the founding force of "Breaking Away" which is a victims of domestic violence organization. The organization provides shelter, counseling, and assistance to women and their children who need to detach themselves from an abusive home life. She still is actively involved serving as President of the organization.

Along with being a mother to her four sons Timothy, Daniel, Jeffrey, and Gregory, she was also known as "Mother Bell" to her staff in times of crisis both personally and professionally. She truly is a pillar of the community, holding a County office for 17 years, helping found "Break Away", being a mother of four and a friend to many.

Mr. Speaker, I find it fitting and appropriate to recognize and congratulate the years of service Ms. Rose Marie Bell has given to the Morris community and the people of Grundy County.

HONORING THE LATE DOUGLAS E. DUNSDON

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to pause and remember the life of a man who meant a great deal to the Western Slope. Sadly, on February 27, 2000, Colorado said goodbye to Douglas Dunsdon. He was 81 years old.

Douglas spent nearly his entire life in the Glenwood Springs area. When the United States entered World War II, Douglas joined the United States Air Force and was stationed in Edin, England with the 8th Air Force, 100th Bomb Group. Douglas flew 25 missions. He earned a Distinguished Flying Cross, two Presidential Unit Citations, three Battle Stars, four Air Medals, a European Theater of Operations Medal and a group medal from the French and Polish governments. In addition, Douglas was a flight instructor for six months in Flight Control Communications in Bobbington, England.

After the war, Douglas returned to Glenwood Springs. He influenced the community in many ways. He ran the bowling alley, now known as Dumont Building. He and his father and brother built the Alpine Apartments, now

the Alpine Professional Building and he also worked at the Shoshone Power Plant until his retirement in 1976.

Douglas was an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, B.P.O.E. and was appointed National Aide-De-Camp in November of 1966 and was Commander of the VFW for three terms.

Douglas was also a wonderful husband and a loving father. I had the privilege of knowing Douglas and grew up with his children. "Mr. Dunsdon" was a very kind man and I have many fond memories of him and his family.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I would like to offer this tribute to a great man who will be sorely missed by all those who knew him. He was truly a great American who among other things, fought for the freedom that we enjoy today.

HONORING THE UPSTATE URBAN LEAGUE OF GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

HON. JIM DeMINT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DeMINT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remind my friends in this chamber that freedom in America is created not by government, but by individuals who take responsibility upon themselves and share in the responsibilities of community. When citizens take this responsibility, local people keep dollars, decisions and freedom in their hands. It is my honor several times each year to present the Congressional Spirit of Freedom Award to members of the 4th District of South Carolina. This non-partisan award goes to individuals, organizations, schools, and businesses that go above and beyond the call of duty to advance the spirit and ideals of freedom and volunteerism in service to the communities of South Carolina.

It is my pleasure today to honor one such group, the Upstate Urban League in Greenville, SC that has embodied these ideals. The Urban League's Pre-College Enrollment/Talent Search program has taken the initiative in making sure every Upstate child achieves his or her full potential. They have done this by providing SAT workshops, college visitation tours, and financial aid workshops for disadvantaged students, all without relying on government funding. In 1998 alone, they helped one hundred and thirty-three students raise their SAT scores by as much as two hundred and eighty points. I commend them for their work that helps students reach their dreams of going to college and succeeding in the next century. The Upstate Urban League proves when we come together and give a helping hand, we can overcome any challenge and secure the future for our children.

I offer my sincere thanks and best wishes for their continued success in bringing freedom home to the citizens of the Upstate and South Carolina. I am proud to present the Upstate Urban League, Greenville, SC with the Congressional Spirit of Freedom Award.

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EAGLE SCOUT HONORED

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to bring to the attention of my colleagues an outstanding young individual from greater Chicagoland who has completed a major goal in his scouting career. Kevin Michael Fleming, a young man from Evergreen Park, Illinois has attained the rank of Eagle Scout.

Kevin has been actively involved in scouting since 1986 when he joined Tiger Cubs in the Beverly-Morgan Park neighborhood of Chicago. After seven years of progressing through the Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts and Webelos, Kevin joined Boy Scout Troop #430 in June of 1993. While advancing through the Boy Scouts, Kevin demonstrated leadership abilities as a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, Senior Patrol Leader and Quartermaster. In addition, he participated in the Owasippe Scout Camp for five summers, where he earned numerous accolades and completed the COPE program.

Not surprisingly, Kevin Fleming has taken part in many diverse activities as a Boy Scout and a student. Some of his many pastimes have included participation in an annual Thanksgiving Day pancake breakfast fundraiser, as well as various campouts, cycling trips and canoe outings.

It is important to note that less than two percent of all young men in America attain the rank of Eagle Scout. This high honor can only be earned by those scouts demonstrating extraordinary leadership abilities. In light of the commendable leadership and courageous activities performed by this fine young man, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Kevin Michael Fleming for attaining the highest honor in Scouting—the Rank of Eagle. Let us wish him the very best in all of his future endeavors.

HONORING MS. PAULA WOLFF

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

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Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Ms. Paula Wolff who is resigning from her position as President of Governors State University (GSU) on March 1, 2000.

Ms. Wolff has a B.A. magna cum laude from Smith College and an M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in political science. Before becoming the President of Governors State University, Ms. Wolff was a tenured professor in the College of Business and Public Service between 1972 and 1976. Since becoming President, she has continued to teach public policy at GSU at least once a year.

Between 1977 and 1991, Ms. Wolff served as Director of Policy and Planning for Governor James R. Thompson. She directed development and implementation of policy for all areas of state government, serving with her staff as liaison to 57 state agencies and chairing six subcabinets composed of their di-

rectors, representing 67,000 state employees with over a \$25 billion budget.

Paula Wolff became GSU's President in 1992. Governors State University is the only upper-division university in Illinois. The University, which serves over 9,000 students, has grown by over 22 percent within the past 6 years. Ms. Wolff has maintained a balanced portfolio of programs in the arts and professional areas. Eleven market-oriented programs have been added to the curriculum during Ms. Wolff's tenure.

Paula is married to Wayne W. Whalen, a lawyer, and has five children. She participates in numerous boards and civic activities including the Illinois Courts Commission, the Ariel Capital Management Board, Metropolitan Planning Council, Harris Insight Funds, the Joyce Foundation, the Johnson Foundation and is Chair of the University of Chicago Hospitals Board and a Trustee of the University of Chicago.

It has been my pleasure to work with Ms. Paula Wolff these past 6 years. She has and will continue to be a helpful colleague who is cited for her effectiveness in communicating with employers and legislators. Paula is so dedicated that she has donated her annual pay increases to the student scholarship fund.

I urge this body to identify and recognize others in their congressional districts whose dedication and actions have so greatly benefited America's students, universities and the surrounding communities.

MARLENE MANOWN GOES THE DISTANCE

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize a woman who is dedicated to doing whatever it takes to promote the well-being and high self-esteem of young women across the nation. Marlene Manown, a Glenwood Springs, Colorado resident, will join other women who will ride from one coast to the other on their bicycles.

Marlene is part of a group called Girls on the Move, organized by Outward Bound, that uses this trip to help girls all around the nation. During stops along the way, Marlene and the other women will host programs that target raising self-esteem and finding positive role models for women ages 9–18.

Marlene is definitely qualified for this challenge. She has worked as a counselor at Glenwood Springs High School which means she knows all about what young women face on a day-to-day basis. She also has experience in cycling long distances on tours that, often times, last up to two weeks. This trip will last longer than two weeks, and Marlene will cycle at least 60 miles a day.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I would like to offer this tribute of gratitude to Marlene Manown. She has given selflessly to help young women across the nation.

HONORING HIDDEN TREASURE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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It is my pleasure today to honor one such group, the Hidden Treasure Christian School in Taylors, SC that has embodied these ideals. This school has cared for hundreds of special needs children from all across the nation. They are recognized as a model school in ministering to the physical, emotional, educational, and spiritual growth of special needs children. They have experienced such a demand for enrollment, they are expanding into a new educational facility to reach out to more children in the community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for the tremendous gift they have given to our community's children, the gift of renewed opportunity for success.

It is an honor to serve constituents of such high character and dedication to the service of others. I offer my sincere thanks and best wishes for their continued success in bringing freedom and prosperity home to all the citizens of the Upstate and South Carolina. I am honored to award the Hidden Treasure Christian School with the Congressional Spirit of Freedom Award.

A TRIBUTE TO THE 1999 "SENIOR CITIZENS OF THE YEAR"

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the winners of my 1999 "Senior Citizens of the Year" competition. Every year, I select twenty seniors that show exceptional vitality and service to the people of the 3rd District of Illinois. Local civic groups and government leaders nominate many outstanding seniors. Then I have the very difficult task of selecting the best of the pool. This year's winners are: Mary Alexa, Virginia Bannon, Dolores Cizek, Robert DeNovo, Cynthia Evenhouse, Frances Green, Alice Horton, Lillian Joly, George Kostakis, Irene Nichols, Harriet Niemiec, Helen Barber Olson, Dr. Shirley Verdugo-Perez, Raymond Rushton, Kurt Schalk, Lorraine Seymour, Evelyn Talerico, Eleanor Trzeciak, Alexander Walter and Theresa Wozniak. It now gives me great pride to describe their accomplishments.

Mary Alexa of Berwyn was nominated by the Jolly Friendly Seniors. Mary has been the President of the Jolly Friendly Seniors club for twelve years and is also an officer in the Gold Medallion and Mid-City Bank clubs. She played an instrumental role in merging The Jolly Club with The Friendly Club to create the Jolly Friendly Seniors. Mary also worked for the Sears department stores for fourteen years. The Jolly Friendly Seniors stated in their nomination: "Mary is generous, gracious—well liked by all."

Virginia Bannon of Crestwood was nominated by the Village of Crestwood. Virginia is an active volunteer at the Village's Christmas, Easter, and Halloween activities for children. She also does volunteer work at the Crestwood library and with needy families in Crestwood. Virginia is a member of several organizations including the Crestwood Senior Club, Incarnation Seniors and the Incarnation Women's Club. According to her application: "Virginia displays an unselfish willingness to help others. She sets personal goals aside when called upon to volunteer her time."

Dolores Cizek of Burr Ridge was nominated by Lyons Township Supervisor Patrick Rogers. Dolores has been a Village Trustee for Burr Ridge since 1991 and has been an election judge for the last 9 years. She has written commentary columns for several area papers including the *Doings* and the *Downers Grove Reporter*. Dolores served on the local school board, District #107, in the 1970s and on the Burr Ridge Planning Commission in the 1980s. According to Supervisor Rogers: "She represents the right stuff in community volunteerism."

Robert C. DeNovo, Sr. of Palos Park was nominated by Deputy Chief Stan Szpytek of the Palos Fire Protection District. Robert is a founding member of the Palos Fire Protection District and is now in his 46th year of active service with the organization. He is an active member of the Palos Fire Fighters Association, the National Fire Protection Association, and the Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts. Robert received special recognition by the Illinois House and Senate for his many achievements and years of service. Deputy Chief Szpytek stated in Robert's application: "At over 75 years of age, Bob still is an integral part of our organization and works at the department on a daily basis."

Cynthia Evenhouse of Palos Heights was nominated by Palos Heights Mayor Dean Koldenhoven. Cynthia is a member of the Christ Community Hospital Women's Auxiliary, and has volunteered over 5,000 hours at the hospital. For seven years, she has tutored handicapped people through the Friendship Club at the Palos Heights Christian Reformed Church. Cynthia also belongs to her church's choir and the Coffeebreak Bible study group. Mayor Koldenhoven stated in her application: "She always gives generously of her time and talent; she's dependable, loyal and is always there to help others."

Mrs. Frances Green of Bridgeview was nominated by Fran Marie Green and the Women's Active Party of Bridgeview. Frances was a founder of the first PTA charter at a Bridgeview school in 1954. She was also one of three women to start the first Brownie and Girl Scout troops in Bridgeview. Frances volunteers at Little Company Hospital and is Chairwoman of Active Angels, a group that visits the sick and lonely of Bridgeview. She is

a 20-year member of the Active Women of Bridgeview and a village resident for 45 years. Fran Marie Green, President of the Women's Active Party of Bridgeview, said: "She has truly served a multitude of people, and in my opinion, she is the Queen of Bridgeview."

Alice Horton of Midlothian was nominated by Thomas J. Murawski, Mayor of Midlothian. Alice is a founder and 22-year director of Coffeehouse, an organization that hosts social gatherings for handicapped adults in the Chicagoland area. In addition, she is active as a nursing home visitor and driver for the disabled to doctor appointments. Alice is a volunteer at Oak Forest Hospital, a member of the St. Vincent DePaul Society, and a member of the Altar & Rosary Society. She is a 54-year resident of Midlothian. In her application, Mayor Murawski said: "Alice continues to live her life in the service of others; she does this quietly and without fanfare."

Lillian Joly of Chicago was nominated by the St. Symphorosa Super Club. Lillian volunteers with the Metropolitan Family Services by visiting handicapped children and shut-ins, including driving shut-ins to doctors appointments, among other locations. She is an active member of several organizations including the Hale Park Club, the Messiah Senior Club, the St. Symphorosa Super Club, and the St. Vincent DePaul Society. Lillian also has received the "Ozanam Award," which is given to St. Vincent DePaul members who demonstrate great service to the poor. St. Symphorosa Super Club President George Kouba stated in her application: "She is a silent and willing giver—a role model for anyone who believes in helping and loving his fellow man."

George Kostakis of Cicero was nominated by Cicero Town President Betty Loren-Maltese. George was the co-founder of Cicero's Neighborhood Watch Program in 1984 and has remained a coordinator of the program. His watch includes 141 blocks throughout Cicero. George is a member of the Morton Anti-Violence Task Force and also writes a column for the Cicero Town News, the town's official newsletter. President Maltese stated in George's nomination: "Very few residents have a lasting impact upon their communities; Mr. Kostakis' work with the Neighborhood Watch has made him an impact resident."

Irene Nichols of Burbank was nominated by Stickney Township Supervisor Louis Viverito. Irene has played an important role in the development and success of the Stickney Township Council on Aging since 1978. She is the current President of the Stickney Township Council on Aging, a position she has held since 1998. Irene is also a member of the Circle Senior Club and the Burbank Silvertones Senior Club. Sen. Viverito stated in her application: "Her concern for fellow Senior Citizens is prevalent in any activity she is involved in."

Harriet Niemiec of Oak Lawn was nominated by the St. Louis de Montfort Seniors. Harriet serves as Oak Lawn's Senior Citizens Commissioner. In addition, Harriet is an active volunteer with the PLOWS organization and Christ Hospital. She is also a member of several organizations including the St. Louis de Montfort Senior Citizens Club, the St. Fabian's Senior Citizens Club, the Oak Lawn Senior Citizens Club and the Christ Hospital Volunteers Auxiliary. According to Helen Sula, President of St. Louis de Montfort Seniors: "She is a model citizen and we all would do well to imitate her."

Helen Barber Olson of LaGrange was nominated by the Robert E. Coulter, Jr. Unit No. 1941 American Legion Auxiliary. Helen is a charter member of the LaGrange Historical Society and Robert E. Coulter, Jr. Unit No. 1941. She assisted in the organization of the LaGrange area Chapter 4277 of the AARP, and was instrumental in establishing the LaGrange Community Hospital. She has been a resident of LaGrange for over 50 years. This past year, the LaGrange Chapter of the Business and Professional Women's Club voted her "Woman of the Year." The Robert Coulter Unit noted in her application: "She is still active in many organizations and never fails to contribute her time and money, even when not asked."

Dr. Shirley Verdugo-Perez of Riverside was nominated by Ms. Mila Verdugo. Shirley holds a bachelor's, two masters and a doctorate degree. She also has seven teaching certificates and can speak five different languages. She has been in the education field for the past 32 years, teaching kindergarten through graduate school students. Shirley has volunteered for numerous organizations including Hispanics in Vocational Education, the Merit Conservatory of Music, and the Polish National Alliance Lodge 825. Ms. Mila Verdugo stated in Shirley's nomination: "She sees the glass as half-full no matter what challenges come her way. She has devoted her life to educating her children, motivating her students, and volunteering her time to various community organizations."

Raymond Rushton of Berwyn was nominated by Berwyn Mayor Thomas G. Shaughnessy. Raymond is a Block Captain in the City of Berwyn's Neighborhood Watch Program, where he checks on seniors in extreme temperatures and spreads information about the Watch Program. He is the founder of the Grace Bible Church Senior Citizen Club and is a volunteer for the Berwyn-Cicero Council on Aging. He was a journeyman union electrician, and worked on the dismantling of the Manhattan Project. In his application, Mayor Shaughnessy stated: "He is a shining example to other captains in the Neighborhood Watch Program in his enthusiasm and commitment to our city and his neighbors."

Kurt Schalk of Chicago was nominated by the Clearing Civic League. Kurt is a trustee for the Clearing Civic League and is in his 5th year as President of the St. Rene Seniors Social Club. In addition, he is a post commander and member of the William McKinley American Legion Post #231. He has been active in Hines Hospital's blood donor program since 1955, and has received recognition from the United Blood Donors. Kurt volunteers with the St. Vincent DePaul Society and is an important booster for the St. Rene School Band. In his application, Rich Zilka, President of the Clearing League stated: "Kurt has realized the full range of life—successful employment, happy marriage, military duty, and civic volunteer work in his 45 years of active community affairs."

Lorraine Seymour of Palos Hills was nominated by Theresa Jania, Senior Service Director of Palos Hills. Lorraine has served as a member of the Palos Hills Senior Advisory Board for 15 years. She has received the "Women of the Year" award from Sacred Heart Church and was given a volunteer award from the PLOWS organization. Lorraine

is also active with several organizations including the New Horizon Senior Club, the Second Timers Club, the Sacred Heart Fun Club, and the Sacred Heart Parish Council. Theresa Jania nominated Lorraine because of her "attitude and professionalism, her smiling face and willingness to help every senior who comes within her reach."

Evelyn Talerico of Palos Park was nominated by James and Victoria Talerico. Evelyn is the founder of the oldest restaurant in Bridgeview, Mama Luigi's, which is now in its 52nd year of operation. Currently, she provides daily care and company to her invalid sister-in-law. Evelyn has also served as First Senior Regent of the Bridgeview Women of the Moose and as a First Graduate Regent. In addition, she was the first baby born in Bedford Park. James and Victoria Talerico stated in her application: "She is a fine example for all women today."

Eleanor Trzeciak of Chicago Ridge was nominated by the Chicago Ridge Friendship Senior Club. Eleanor actively volunteers to assist the elderly and sick members of the Chicago Ridge Friendship Senior Club, and has been the group's tour guide for seven years. She has been a member of the club for thirteen years, and is also a member of the St. Louis de Montfort Seniors Club. According to her application, the Chicago Ridge Friendship Club had a vote to nominate a candidate for the Senior Citizen of the Year award. Eleanor was the group's unanimous selection.

Alexander Walter of Indian Head Park was nominated by the Blind & Visually Impaired Support Group of Greater LaGrange. Al serves as the leader of the Blind & Visually Impaired Support Group, where he arranges programs and discussions for the group. Al has volunteered at Hines Veterans Hospital and at the Illinois Veterans Home—Manteno for a number of years, and has given over 2,100 volunteer hours at Hines. He is active in several groups including the Blinded Veterans Association, Hines Blind Rehab Center Alumni, and Amvets: G.I. Joe Post 24. Julia Emery of the Blind & Visually Impaired Support Group stated in Al's application: "His work on behalf of hospitalized veterans and of the most vulnerable has been constant since his discharge from the Navy."

Theresa Wozniak of Chicago was nominated by the St. Camillus Golden Agers Club. Theresa is President of the St. Camillus Golden Agers, an active member of the St. Camillus Holy Name Society, and legislative liaison for the VFW Rhine Post #2729 Women's Auxiliary. She is a volunteer for the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and has received several awards including the "Cook County Sheriff's Medal of Honor" award, the "Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs Volunteer of the Month" award, and recognition from the Chicago City Council for outstanding volunteer service. According to Lucille Budzinski, Secretary of the St. Camillus Golden Agers: "Her cheerful attitude in accepting many volunteer duties encourages other seniors to follow her lead."

I agree with all of the statements submitted by those who nominated the 20 winners. It is community activism and volunteerism that makes Chicagoland a truly great place to live. In the 19th Century, Robert Browning, a British poet proclaimed: "What's a man's age? He must hurry more, that's all; Cram in a day, what his youth took a year to hold." Mr.

Speaker, I believe those are important words, and I commend the senior citizens for their great spirit and hard work.

HONORING BLOOM TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Bloom Township High School which is celebrating its 100th Anniversary in the year 2000. Bloom Township High School lies within Illinois School District 206 and my 11th Congressional District.

Bloom Township High School began in 1900 in four rooms rented from Washing School in Chicago Heights, Illinois. Bloom had an initial enrollment of 81 students and three teachers. By 1901, "new" Bloom was built at the southwest corner of Lincoln and Dixie Highways. In 1931, under the leadership of Board of Education President, Harvey Adair, construction began on the Bloom Township High School at 10th Street and Dixie Highway.

In 1934, Principal Rosewell C. Puckett watched his students carry their books and desks down Chicago Road to the new school. The school was a major architectural achievement highlighted by "the Tower", and later enhanced by the fresco murals and limestone statues. The frescoes were painted by Edgar Britton. Edgar Britton used Bloom students as models for the frescoes and show students in the foreground studying the life work that is being carried out in the background by adults. In 1982, Bloom was named as a National Historic Site. Bloom is the first public high school to be so designated.

Bloom has experienced rapid growth over the years that required major additions to the school, including the Industrial Arts building, McCann Gym, the cafeteria, the music and art wing, the Nelson Field House, the Workman Auditorium and the Steckel Library. By 1954, a separate freshman-sophomore division was built at Cottage Grove and Sauk Trail, which ultimately became its own four-year high school in 1976, named Bloom Trail High School.

The history of Bloom Township High School District 206 has been one of growth and change, with a continuing commitment to quality education and a dedication to meet the needs of a varied student population.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the many teachers, and administrators who have helped to make Bloom Township a success. I wish Bloom a successful year of celebration.

I urge this body to identify and recognize other schools in their congressional districts whose dedication and actions have so greatly benefitted America's students and the surrounding communities.

REMEMBERING HAROLD BAUDUIT,
A TELLER OF TALES AND CAP-
TAIN OF HIS SOUL

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to share memories of a man that knew no limits when it came to what he wanted out of life. Sadly, Harold Bauduit passed away on January 25, 2000. He was 69 years old.

Harold accomplished many things during his life; he was no stranger to hard work and extra effort. He did so well on military tests that he was told to join the United States Naval Academy. Harold was only the fifth African-American to graduate from the United States Naval Academy. But after graduation, Harold decided he liked the air more than water and he joined the Air Force. During the Vietnam War, Harold was part of the air command based in Thailand flying B-66 aircraft to monitor enemy radar.

When his career in the military ended, Harold turned to education. He earned master's degrees in economics and business, and a law degree. He taught black studies classes at Fort Range Community College and the University of Colorado. He felt very strongly about education and felt that everyone deserved the opportunity to learn.

Harold loved to debate and was always on top of current events. He read the Wall Street Journal every day and kept his TV turned to CNN constantly. He never wanted to be behind on anything.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, I offer this tribute in Harold Bauduit's honor. He truly was an exceptional man who lived life fearlessly.

SUPPORT FOR LEGISLATION CON- DEMNING RACIAL AND RELI- GIOUS INTOLERANCE

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, racial and religious intolerance have no place in twenty-first Century America. Hate for a fellow human being because of religion or skin color has no place among us. Institutions that teach our next generation of leaders prejudice are breeding grounds for bigots. And political leaders who fail to speak out against such hurtful and divisive mantras have failed their duties and the people they represent.

We cannot afford to remain silent in the face of anti-religious, anti-Catholic, and anti-minorities preaching from leaders of Bob Jones University. That is why I rise today to commend the gentleman from New York for his forthright Resolution. I am a proud cosponsor of his resolution that rejects discrimination and intolerance based on religion, race, and ethnicity. This resolution would put Congress on record as opposing policies preached and practiced only at Bob Jones University in South Carolina. Policies that are repulsive and unimaginable by a majority of Americans today. Some of these policies include the barring of free association of interracial couples on campus.

Just as repulsive is the anti-Catholic venom emanating from the halls of this university.

This is not what is supposed to be taught in the classrooms. We cannot stand idly by while bigots are free to spout their shortsighted and hurtful words. We must speak out against intolerance and injustice. Congress must act now and pass this Resolution.

HONORING THE TORRANCE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

HON. STEVEN T. KUYKENDALL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. KUYKENDALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce's celebration of Black History Month. On February 25th, the Torrance Chamber will hold its annual Black History Celebration.

It is during this important month that we celebrate black history and the achievements and legacy of all African Americans. I am grateful that the people of my district have this event which will help them understand the contributions of Black Americans to our entire nation.

As the leading business organization in the South Bay, the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce is an aggressive, independent advocate of business interests exercising its influence with government, business and the community to ensure economic growth and vitality. I commend the Torrance Chamber for the creation of its Cultural Involvement Task Force. This important outreach program seeks to assist Chamber members of diverse ethnic backgrounds to assimilate into positions of involvement and effectively take advantage of the business opportunities available throughout the community.

To highlight the month-long celebration of African American heritage, Brigadier General Clara L. Adams-Ender will give the keynote address at the Chamber's Black History Celebration 2000. She has had a distinguished career, rising from a staff nurse in the army nurse corps to become brigadier general responsible for the army's 20,000 nurses.

I commend the Torrance Chamber's commitment to multiculturalism. The Torrance Chamber is a community leader in celebrating the importance of our country's African American heritage.

HONORING NEW JERUSALEM BAPTIST CHURCH OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA

HON. JIM DeMINT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. DeMINT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remind my friends in this chamber that freedom in America is created not by government, but by individuals who take responsibility upon themselves and share in the responsibilities of community. When citizens take this responsibility, local people keep dollars, decisions and freedom in their hands. It is my honor several times each year to present the Congressional

Spirit of Freedom Award to members of the 4th District of South Carolina. This non-partisan award goes to individuals, organizations, schools, and businesses that go above and beyond the call of duty to advance the spirit and ideals of freedom and volunteerism in service to the communities of South Carolina.

It is my pleasure today to honor one such group, the New Jerusalem Baptist Church in Greer, SC that has embodied these ideals. The Church is headed by Reverend Steve Watson. Under his guidance, the church sponsors summer youth programs, a soup kitchen, homeless shelter, and after-school programs that provide tutoring and mentoring to area children. New Jerusalem Baptist Church is a shining city on a hill, choosing to work through their love and talents rather than forcing government to support them. The entire congregation has answered the call to help those in need, showing the tremendous impact a group of people can have in changing the lives of thousands.

It is an honor to serve constituents of such high character and dedication to the service of others. I offer my sincere thanks and best wishes for their continued success in bringing freedom home to the citizens of the Upstate and South Carolina. I am honored to present the New Jerusalem Baptist Church, Greer, SC with the Congressional Spirit of Freedom Award.

HONORING CARA RAINWATER

HON. TOM DeLAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. DeLAY. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to congratulate and honor a young Texas student from my district who has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service in her community. Cara Rainwater of Missouri City has just been named one of my state's top honorees in The 2000 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, an annual honor conferred on the most impressive student volunteers in each state, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

Ms. Rainwater, a senior at Lawrence Elkins High School and an active community volunteer, is being recognized for serving as a peer counselor for burn victims at Camp Phoenix, a summer camp sponsored by the Burn Children Recovery Foundation.

In light of numerous statistics that indicate Americans today are less involved in their communities than they once were, it's vital that we encourage and support the kind of selfless contribution this young citizen has made. People of all ages need to think more about how we, as individual citizens, can work together at the local level to ensure the health and vitality of our towns and neighborhoods. Young volunteers like Ms. Rainwater are inspiring examples to all of us, and are among our brightest hopes for a better tomorrow.

The program that brought this young role model to our attention—The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards—was created by the Prudential Insurance Company of America in partnership with the National Association of Secondary Schools Principals in 1995 to impress upon all youth volunteers that their contributions are critically important and highly

valued, and to inspire other young people to follow their example. In only five years, the program has become the nation's largest youth recognition effort based solely on community service, with nearly 75,000 youngsters participating since its inception.

Ms. Rainwater should be extremely proud to have been singled out from such a large group of dedicated volunteers. Mr. Speaker, I heartily applaud Ms. Rainwater for her initiative in seeking to make her community a better place to live, and for the positive impact she has had on the lives of others. She has demonstrated a level of commitment and accomplishment that is truly extraordinary in today's world, and deserves our sincere admiration and respect. Her actions show that young Americans can—and do—play important roles in our communities, and that America's community spirit continues to hold tremendous promise for the future.

HONORING TOM PROUD

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to rise today and tell you a story about a man who has gone to great lengths to help another. In the face of a storm, Tom Proud is definitely someone to have around.

Tom, a Pueblo County Sheriff's Deputy, was on his way to Denver when he saw a car slide on ice and land in the ditch. He claims that he did nothing more than the average citizen when he pulled over to offer assistance. Tom saw that a woman was stranded with children and went out of his way to make sure that they were safe and back on their way.

Miles from any town, Tom drove to a tire station to have the flat tire repaired and then drove back to the car to put in on the car. Tom was so dedicated to making certain Mrs. Martinez, the woman who was stranded, and the children were safe that he put his own plans on hold.

Mrs. Martinez was so overwhelmed with gratitude that a simple thank you was not enough. She wrote a letter to a Pueblo County Commissioner telling the story of selfless valor displayed by the off-duty peace officer. She told the Commissioner that without Tom's help, they would not have been able to be in Denver before one of their family members went into surgery. Mrs. Martinez counts all of Pueblo lucky to have Tom among its citizens.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I offer tribute to Tom Proud. He has gone above and beyond the call of duty and deserves our thanks and praise.

REPEAL THE FEDERAL DIESEL TAX

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today I have introduced legislation to help protect all Americans from the artificially-inflated rise in fuel costs by temporarily suspending

the 24.4 cent per gallon federal tax on diesel fuel.

This step is necessary because the price of diesel has almost doubled in the past six months. This steep rise is bringing ruin to America's truckers, carriers, shippers, farmers, and adversely affecting all consumers. While the U.S. Congress cannot force OPEC to increase production, we must initiate a federal investigation into possible manipulation and price gauging by OPEC members and other oil producers. Clearly there is no shortage of oil. What we see today is intentional manipulation of production to ensure the highest prices for oil producers.

In addition to launching a federal investigation, Congress should pass my legislation which is designed to provide immediate, albeit temporary, relief for the American consumer and so many small businesses which depend on diesel fuel. The average independent trucker and small farmer cannot continue to operate their businesses with the cost of diesel at almost \$2 per gallon! Let's help them out by repealing the federal tax on diesel at the same time that we work the diplomatic and legal channels to bring pressure on oil producers. Please cosponsor this bill.

RECOGNIZING DR. HILARY
KOPROWSKI

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to recognize the outstanding achievements of Dr. Hilary Koprowski—a man who has changed America, and the world, for the better.

Dr. Koprowski is one of the most distinguished and respected biomedical researchers in American history. On February 27, 2000 we marked the 50th anniversary of the first application of his oral polio vaccine—one of Dr. Koprowski's most notable achievements. Truly one of the outstanding scientists of our time, Dr. Koprowski, along with co-workers, engineered a new rabies vaccine that is more effective and less painful than the traditional Pasteur technique. In addition, Dr. Koprowski has pioneered the development of monoclonal antibodies for the detection and treatment of cancer. Dr. Koprowski is known for being a creative scientist. His other contributions include a blood test for early detection of cancer, and a serum for effective therapy against cancer of the bowel. He found a connection between viral infection and diseases of the nervous system. Dr. Koprowski's other research focused on the toxic effect of free radicals on lesions caused by viral disease.

Today, Dr. Koprowski is the author of more than 850 scientific papers and a member of many learned societies. He has received honorary degrees from numerous universities and is the recipient of more than eighteen major honors, including the Order of the Lion, awarded by the King of Belgium, the Legion of Honor of France and the Nicolaus Copernicus Medal of the Polish Academy of Sciences, the Philadelphia Award, the Scott Award, and the Legion of Honor.

Born in Warsaw, Poland, Dr. Hilary Koprowski was faced with a choice between a

career in music or in science. He received a degree in piano from the Warsaw Conservatory as well as the Santa Cecilia Academy of Music in Rome. In 1939, Dr. Koprowski obtained his M.D. degree and adopted scientific research as his life's work. Music remains a significant part of Dr. Koprowski's life. His compositions are published and are currently being played by various orchestras. Dr. Koprowski often compared science to music when he said, "A well-done experiment gives the same sense of satisfaction that a composer feels after composing a sonata."

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Hilary Koprowski is a hero. He has been a world leader in scientific research for over 50 years. His expertise and leadership have contributed greatly to the field of science, and he has helped save countless lives. I know the House will join me in paying tribute to this outstanding scientist on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his polio vaccine discovery.

IN HONOR OF DR. LIFSHITZ

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to an outstanding physician, Dr. Aliza Lifshitz.

Many know her as Doctor Aliza, a doctor who has spent the past two decades working in the Latino communities in Los Angeles and across the country, to improve the health of Latino citizens.

Dr. Lifshitz grew up in Mexico, the daughter of a Russian immigrant father and New York-born mother. Dr. Lifshitz attended the prestigious Universidad Autonoma de Mexico. She also studied at Tulane University and at UC San Diego.

During her medical career, Dr. Lifshitz has become known as a primary source of health information to the Latino community. She reports on *Primer Impacto*, the highest-rated Spanish language news magazine television series on the air. She is also the health columnist for *La Opinion*, the largest Spanish-language daily newspaper in America.

Dr. Lifshitz' most recent accomplishment is a book, "Mama Sana, Bebe Sano—Healthy Mother, Healthy Baby," a pregnancy guide written in Spanish and English. The bilingual book is the first published that addresses pregnancy and infant care simultaneously in the same book.

Dr. Lifshitz' stellar career is a testament to dedication. She has concentrated her efforts in administering care to the under-served segment of the population—the indigent, teens in crisis, the elderly and the many who have fallen between the cracks of our society. She has also become a role model for millions of young women striving to better themselves and the world they live in. Throughout her career, Dr. Lifshitz has shared her considerable talent and gift of healing with everyone. Her role is not only as a physician, but as a "friend."

Colleagues, please join with me today as we honor Dr. Lifshitz, a caring physician who is committed to her profession and to the well-being of those in her care.

HONORING DAN KLOSTER,
SNOWMASS VILLAGE ROTARY
CLUB BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL
PERSON OF THE YEAR

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize the Rotary Club of Snowmass Village Business/Professional Person of the Year. Dan Kloster is a businessman who knows how important it is to give back to the community.

The Person of the Year award is given each year to the person who best exemplifies the principles of the club. Candidates for the award are nominated by either Rotarians or by a member of the community. This is the first time the award has been presented to an active member of the club. Dan is a charter member of the Snowmass Club and has served as the club's president in the past.

Rotary clubs across the world have dedicated their mission to serving their local community as well as those areas of the world that are in need of humanitarian efforts. The club from Snowmass has been committed to serving the international community. Dan has served on the International Committee which focuses on projects like going to Africa to immunize young people against polio.

In addition to deeds, Rotary members like Dan try to implement the philosophy of the four-way test. This test is to be applied to everything in the life of a member. The test is comprised of four questions: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build good will and better friendships? Will it benefit all concerned? Dan tries to be an example when it comes to the four-way test not only in the business world, but in his personal life.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I offer this tribute in honor to Dan Kloster. His efforts to make his community, country and world a better place deserve our thanks and praise.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. LITA HORNICK

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I regret to call to the attention of our colleagues the recent death of Dr. Lita Hornick, a truly remarkable woman, and a former resident of my constituency in Rockland County, New York.

Dr. Hornick was a prominent figure from the 1960's to the present day. Her efforts in the worlds of art and literature are legendary, encouraging the advancement of the avant-garde and "beat" poets, who struggled for recognition, but survived with the dedication of Dr. Hornick. She spoke her mind, and she never hesitated in furthering the ideals in which she so fondly believed. Additionally, she founded the avant-garde publication *Kulcher Magazine*, published over forty-two art-illustrated manuscripts of poetry and writing, and she became known as the "Kulcher Queen," the title of her 1977 autobiography.

During her life, Dr. Hornick collected several fine pieces of 60's art and selflessly gave

many of her major works to the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), including self-portraits painted by the famous Andy Warhol and Alex Katz. She also sponsored several poetry readings at MoMA, which gathered poets and artists alike in support of their crusade in advancing education of modern art and poetry.

Dr. Hornick was extremely involved with the St. Mark's Poetry Project and Columbia University, where she recently donated her archive of papers and writings.

Dr. Hornick received her B.A. from Barnard and her M.A. and Ph.D. from Columbia. An evening poetry reading memorial will be held at MoMA later this year in her honor.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to insert into the RECORD a biographical article written by Dr. Hornick's family entitled "Lita."

Dr. Lita Hornick will be sadly missed, and I extend my thoughts, my condolences, and prayers to the Hornick Family.

LITA

Sometimes you meet people who just don't add up, alluring characters who somehow are not what they ought to be. At first sight Lita Hornick is a charming and urbane Park Avenue doyenne who has devoted her life to her family and her collection of contemporary art. This in itself is interesting enough, but immediately you recognize something quite different behind the smile, quite naughty behind the look. For Lita is also the Kulchur Queen, champion of the irreverent "beats" and of avant-garde poets and artists ever since. Behind that demure face are locked the secrets of a life led at the vortex of this counter-culture, that she releases in sharp, tantalizing tidbits, well aware of both their value and her ability to shock.

"The paradoxes in my life have been quite deliberate," she admits with endearing honesty, "since they arose from a conscious effort to escape the stereotype, my background and my culture." This path took Lita out of her taffeta-lined social groove into the kaleidoscopic world of avant-garde literature where she has reigned for three decades as publisher, editor, writer, critic and patron. Like her friend Andy Warhol, she was an observer of that frenetic era between the late 50's and the early 70's. She was the admirer of such notable "beats" as Allen Ginsberg, Gregory Corso, William Burroughs and Jack Kerouac—a group once characterized by the media as "the most vicious characters in America". And throughout it all she gave a steady, supportive voice to the avant-garde movement through her Kulchur Magazine, Press and today's Foundation.

Yet Lita, although intimately involved in this other world, was never a part of it, preserving instead a steadfast individualism. "I am not a leftist politically and I have never joined the anarchist pacifists," she states emphatically, alluding to the flower generation. Nor was she a member of her inherited social group; "my work" she says with understatement, "was alien to my class." For Lita refuses to be pigeon-holed, preserving her independence through a defiance that is generously directed everywhere at once—though never malicious and always with an unfathomable sense of humor. She smiles, "I just like people who spit in the face of authority, any authority!"

It was this rebelliousness that impelled Lita first to do her Ph.D. thesis on Dylan Thomas—"because he was persona non grata at the time"—and later to search out those revolutionaries who were instigating change, typically not from the top but from the grass roots of society: the avant-garde poets, musicians and artists.

The poetry has been perhaps the greatest claimant on Lita's considerable talent and energies, appealing to her as she says, paraphrasing Swift, "because it raises the human race out of this pernicious gutter." Whatever the reason, Lita has altruistically devoted herself and her dollars to Kulchur—promoting poetry to a small, though significant core of supporters around the world. Why? Because she thought the work important and, although not commercially viable, it deserved recognition. Lita boasts proudly of her part in breaking down the pornography laws and attacking the civil rights issue, but considers her greatest accomplishment to be the forty-two poetry books published by Kulchur Press, "each of which," she says, "is like a child to me."

As for music, Lita is equally enthusiastic, calling it "the purest form to which all art aspires." And yet she isn't referring to the classic composers as one might expect. In this, as with everything else, Lita is contrary and ever-adventurous. She specifically means those contemporary musicians that rocked the social foundations and her parties during the Sixties. Instead of the usual Park Avenue dinner at eight, Lita recalls with obvious glee those wild evenings spent with her flock of avant-garde friends, loud with the sounds of Nico and the Velvet Underground, Philip Glass, Meredith Monk and a punk rock band called the Stimulators.

Further evidence of Lita's derringdo is her patronage of contemporary art. In the early days this was another activity frowned upon by her family and society friends, "until it started appreciating," she says with a twinkle in her eye. But for Lita, who sees a connection between all the arts, it was a natural extension of her love for avant-garde poetry to collect its equivalent in visual art.

Today her collection reads like a list of celebrated names, totalling over five hundred pieces. It ranges from a multiple portrait of herself by Warhol, a sofa modelled by Man Ray after the lips of his famous, though unfaithful, mistress, Kiki, twenty-two Jo Brainerd drawings in her bedroom alone, to a fifty-six foot high Alexander Lieberman sculpture. Not to mention the sculpture garden at her country house and the works donated to the MOMA, the Whitney and the University of Pennsylvania. "In the Sixties I collected hard-edged abstraction; in the Seventies, pattern and decoration pieces," she explains, "then in the Eighties, I started going all over the lot, getting very pluralistic, from landscapes to neo pop-art."

But again typically atypical there is that other side to the Kulchur Queen. Throughout her outrageousness and despite her zest for the shocking, Lita also played the sedate role of mother, grandmother and wife. Morton J. Hornick, her late husband, was far removed from his wife's adopted world being the successful CEO of a draperie and curtain manufacturing company that had been in his family since 1917. Morton slowly became absorbed in Lita's avant-garde concerns, until he was working actively as a fundraiser for the poetry readings and an art collector. Although Lita recalls fondly, "I don't think he ever read anything I ever published."

Lita gives out these golden glimpses of her past like jig-saw pieces whose only consistency seems to be their inconsistency. Then suddenly, you stumble across a consistent thread that helps make sense of the final picture: for her whole life Lita, the maverick, has been having fun, outrageous fun! She has been laughing at herself, at her class, at the system—at everything. "It takes strength of character to amuse yourself," she explains, briefly shining a light deep into the serious depths of her character, "most people are taught not to amuse themselves—that's the whole purpose of civilization."

CRIME OF HATE AGAINST THE 9TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, today, the district office of the people of Illinois' 9th Congressional District was vandalized with an anti-Semitic obscenity. While I am pleased to say that we, as a community, are prepared to stand tall in the path of any and all acts of hate and words of bigotry, today's action is a sad reminder that there are those among us that fear diversity and refuse to view it as the sign of strength and tradition that it is.

Acts of hate directed against Jews, Catholics, Protestants, Muslims or any other group or person in this country are unacceptable and will not be tolerated. I am proud to represent one of the most ethnically diverse districts in America. The diversity and tolerance in our district is symbolic of what our nation should be. We will not be silent whenever hatred shows its ugly face.

I wish to commend the brave officers of the Niles Police Department, Chief Sheehan, and FBI officials for their prompt response and effort on behalf of the people of the 9th Congressional District. This crime of hate is a cowardly act that will not go unpunished. There are those who view the 9th Congressional District, because of its diversity, as a prime location to spread their hateful venom. I am confident that the rich tradition and values of the people of the 9th Congressional District will always prevail.

TRIBUTE TO SOCIAL VOCATIONAL SERVICES, INC. AND PEOPLE FIRST OF THE SOUTH BAY

HON. STEVEN T. KUYKENDALL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. KUYKENDALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a very special organization in my district, Social Vocational Services, Inc. (SVS). Established in 1978, SVS' mission is to design and deliver vocational and residential services to persons with disabilities that will result in their full participation in all aspects of community life.

On Monday, February 28th, SVS will host the 7th anniversary celebration of "People First of the South Bay" and honor special guest Michael Long. SVS facilities People First of the South Bay, a self-advocacy group by and for persons with disabilities. PFSB improves the lives of people with disabilities by fostering a sense of belonging, self esteem and confidence, friendship and recreation, community involvement, civic responsibilities, and leadership opportunities and training.

I commend Michael Long on this achievement. Michael has had a distinguished career. An individual with a developmental disability, Michael serves as Consumer Advocate, Department of Developmental Service, Sacramento and he is also a published author.

The men and women of SVS have touched the lives of many. SVS serves 2,500 persons

with disabilities and employs over 800 staff and administrators. SVS is a pioneer organization within the development disabled community. They strive to enhance opportunities for growth and independence.

I commend the staff and volunteers of Social Vocational Services for their efforts in improving the quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities. You have made a difference in the lives of many, and I wish you continued success. The South Bay is grateful for your services.

TRIBUTE TO DALE MORRIS

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding American, Mr. Dale Morris. Mr. Morris has devoted his career to helping individuals in public service. As the Manager of Special Services and Government Affairs for American Airlines, Mr. Morris is responsible for handling elected officials and other government VIPs, including diplomats and Members of Congress, as they make their way throughout the world. As a registered lobbyist, he also is responsible for advocating on behalf of American Airlines' varied interests with respect to the myriad regulations that challenge airlines and help keep American citizens safe.

Mr. Morris is departing the Washington area for Dallas, Texas, where he will serve as Company Spokesperson at American Airlines' Corporate Communications office. He will be missed by those of us who have counted on his commitment to top notch customer service, and especially for his ability to find simple solutions to complicated challenges. Mr. Morris's promotion is a phenomenal reflection of his own achievements as well as American Airlines' commitment to equal opportunity. As an African American, Mr. Morris has overcome tremendous obstacles throughout his career. He began in the industry eighteen years ago as a passenger sales representative for United Airlines. His professional honors and accomplishments are numerous, and include being awarded the NATO commendation medal from Field Marshall Sir Richard Vincent, GBE, KCB, DSO and Chairman of the Military Committee; organizing the "Ax the Fuel Tax" airline rally in Washington, D.C.; assisting with Wright Amendment legislation; serving as an "On Air" spokesperson for American Airlines during the pilots' proposed strike; and personally interacting with Senator John McCain on the "Passenger Bill of Rights."

Regarding Dale Morris' professional triumphs, it might be said that they are merely genetic. His father, William Morris, was awarded the Bronze Star for operations during the Invasion of Normandy during World War II with the all Black 6th Calvary Infantry unit. His great uncle Leroy Calhoun also served with the Black Stevedores/Pioneer Infantry unit in France during World War II, and another uncle played baseball for the all Black Fresno Giants of the Negro Leagues. As the proud father of Dale, Jr., Keith Ernest, and Erin Mitchell, and the reverent husband of Janet Leigh Riley Morris, Dale has managed to soar professionally while keeping his primary focus on his

family, which in his view, is the only reason worth living. He has given his family a great deal of which to be proud. As his friend, and the beneficiary of his sincere devotion to professional integrity, I am equally proud. It is on behalf of the countless other Members of Congress who have appreciated his fine service, that I congratulate Dale on his remarkable promotion, and on this, the 29th day of February, 2000, not only his last day in the Washington office of American Airlines but his birthday, I wish him every personal and professional success.

HONORING CHRISTOPHER DOLS

HON. TOM DeLAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to congratulate and honor a young Texas student from my district who has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service in his community. Christopher Dols of Houston has just been named one of my state's top honorees in The 2000 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, an annual honor conferred on the most impressive student volunteers in each state, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

Mr. Dols, a ninth-grader at Strake Jesuit College Preparatory School, is being recognized for developing a Pre-Teen Health Information Line for the Harris County Hospital District. This information line provides free bilingual health information on 24 topics of special interest to young adults.

In light of numerous statistics that indicate Americans today are less involved in their communities than they once were, it's vital that we encourage and support the kind of selfless contribution this young citizen has made. People of all ages need to think more about how we, as individual citizens, can work together at the local level to ensure the health and vitality of our towns and neighborhoods. Young volunteers like Mr. Dols are inspiring examples to all of us, and are among our brightest hopes for a better tomorrow.

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and that America's community spirit continues to hold tremendous promise for the future.

COLORADO NATIONAL GUARD NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR, SANDY HANSON

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to congratulate the Colorado National Guard Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, Sandy Hanson. Sandy was nominated for the award by the officers on the local and state level boards consisting of high-ranking officers. Sandy has been on the Army Reserves and now the Colorado National Guard for thirteen years. She presently holds the rank of E-5, Sergeant, and is a member of the Montrose-based Unit C of the 109th Area Support Medical Battalion of the Charlie Company.

Every year soldiers are chosen to go before the "boards" to be tested verbally on every subject related to the military from history to marksmanship. Sandy's precision and excellent knowledge have won her the distinction of being the best noncommissioned officer in the entire State of Colorado.

Sandy was the only one that was surprised when she received the award. Everyone around her knows that she is very focused and disciplined when it comes to organizing her busy lifestyle. In addition to being in the Colorado National Guard, which takes her away from her family one weekend a month and two full weeks every summer, she has two children, a full-time job and she still finds time to study for the boards on the national level.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I offer this tribute to Sandy Hanson and congratulate her on a job well done. She has served her country well.

EAGLE SCOUTS HONORED

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, it always gives me great pleasure to bring to the attention of my colleagues the accomplishments of Chicagoland constituents. Today, I rise to honor sixteen outstanding young individuals from the 3rd Congressional District of Illinois, all who have completed a major goal in their scouting career.

The following young men of the 3rd Congressional District of Illinois have earned the high rank of Eagle Scout in the winter and spring seasons: James A. Donovan, Eric Alfredson, James M. Siniawski, Bryan Jonathan Balin, Steve Beyer, Raju Shah, Matt Mottel, David J. Giblin, Michael T. Fitzgibbon, John D. Kenney, Matthew K. Vari, Andrew Thomas Giger, John F. Ponce de Leon, Anthony R. Kubes, Benjamin Patrick Hyink, and Alexander T. Yount.

These young men have demonstrated their commitment to their communities, and have perpetuated the principles of scouting. It is important to note that less than two percent of all

young men in America attain the rank of Eagle Scout. This high honor can only be earned by those scouts demonstrating extraordinary leadership abilities.

In light of the commendable leadership and courageous activities performed by these fine young men, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the above scouts for attaining the highest honor in Scouting—the Rank of Eagle. Mr. Speaker, let us wish them the very best in all of their future endeavors.

HONORING REVEREND SACQUETY

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the Reverend Canon Charles W. Sacquety on his retirement from the ministry of the Episcopal Church.

Reverend Charles was born in Detroit, Michigan. He attended the University of Michigan where he received a Bachelors of Arts degree and a Masters of Arts degree in Music. After teaching music in the Ann Arbor Public Schools, he served in the United States Army for two years where he was stationed in the Canal Zone, Panama.

Upon returning from his tour of duty, Reverend Charles attended the Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, California. Upon completing his theology courses, Reverend Charles was ordained as a deacon and priest in the Diocese of Michigan. He served two congregations before being called to St. Mark's Parish in Glendale, California. Reverend Charles then moved to Germany where he served as Rector of the Parish Church of Christ the King in Frankfurt. After six and a half years, Reverend Charles was again called to California where he became the Rector of St. Wilfrid's in July of 1978.

Reverend Charles brought so many gifts to St. Wilfrid's. He is best-known for his ebullient sense of humor and his ability to reach out to the members of the parish by listening to their needs. He has developed and implemented the plans for construction of the beautiful new church and community hall which now bears his name, Sacquety Hall. Reverend Charles was a friend to the members of the church. His sermons on Sundays touched the lives of all who attended with his inspirational wisdom and his eloquent words.

After leaving St. Wilfrid's, Reverend Charles served as an Archdeacon for the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles. Reverend Charles will receive an Honorary Doctorate degree of Divinity from Church Divinity School of the Pacific, in Berkeley, California this year.

Colleagues, please join me today as we recognize the Rev. Canon Charles W. Sacquety on his many years of ministry and the many contributions that he has made to the community and the Episcopal Church and to the parishioners who came to know him as a man of understanding and inspiration.

HONORING MR. MARK MORELLI

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a man whose life-saving work demands our attention and respect. Mr. Mark Morelli, a dedicated member of the Folcroft, Pennsylvania Fire Company has recently been honored for his heroic work during a tragic time. I come before my colleagues to recognize the heroic efforts to Mr. Morelli and congratulate him for being awarded the Valor Award by the Delaware County Firemen's Association.

Mr. Morelli is being honored for his selfless efforts during last September's Hurricane Floyd that caused destruction up and down the east coast. Mr. Morelli was chosen for the Valor Award for saving the lives of three citizens trapped by the flooding waters. He called upon his skills gained during his assignment with the United States Navy by maneuvering a rescue boat against the overwhelming currents to ensure the safety of the stranded people. His courageous duties went beyond the call of duty. All Americans should applaud him for his efforts.

Too often the heroic efforts of our nation's volunteer firefighters go unnoticed by the public. Mr. Morelli's actions exemplify the spirit and dedication of the men and women in the fire service. At a time when many lament the absence of heroes in today's society, I can attest that we can find role models right in our own backyards.

As a fellow firefighter, I applaud Mr. Morelli's unselfish bravery. I want to extend my gratitude to him for putting his life on the line in order to secure the safety of local residents.

HONORING GRAND JUNCTION CITIZEN OF THE YEAR, JAMIE HAMILTON

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize the 1999 Grand Junction Citizen of the Year, my friend, Jamie Hamilton.

A man that knows no end when it comes to serving his community, Jamie was awarded the Citizen of the Year award by the Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce. He has donated his time and talents to a list of over twenty-five community and state organizations. This past year alone Jamie served on the Grand Junction Park and Recreation Board, Community Hospital Board, Sober Grad Committee, Lions Club, Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce, JUCO and the Board of Trustees for the State Colleges of Colorado.

Jamie and his wife, Debbie, share a dedication to the community that does not stop with boards and committees. After volunteering all of his time to these organizations, Jamie still finds time to coach little league baseball and baseball clinics for area youths.

He leads by example, never asking an employee to do something that he would not do

himself. This outstanding leadership and dedication is a leading factor in the success of Home Loan Insurance where Jamie is the CEO and President.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I would like to offer this tribute to a great community leader and a good personal friend, Jamie Hamilton, in honor of receiving the 1999 Grand Junction Citizen of the Year Award. The Grand Junction community owes him a debt of gratitude for his leadership and selfless service.

CONDEMNING RACIAL AND ANTI-CATHOLIC BIGOTRY

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to be a co-sponsor of the concurrent resolution, introduced by my colleagues JOHN CONYERS, Jr. and JOSEPH CROWLEY, that condemns the discriminatory practices prevalent at Bob Jones University and all individuals who espouse similar beliefs. As members of a diverse society who desire mutual respect for and by all, we should never let bigotry go unchecked. Bob Jones University has been perpetuating its anti-Catholic and racially bigoted practices and beliefs for decades. It is about time that the institution be condemned.

Bob Jones University claims it is neither racist nor anti-Catholic. However, the University's policies and preachings create an environment where it is permissible to view those of different religions and races as inferior. Once that environment is established, all other forms of discrimination can ensue. In my own state of California, we have witnessed all too often what such an environment can lead to: police brutality, such as that endured by Rodney King; the passage of harsh anti-immigrant measures, such as proposition 187; and the grinding, persistent prejudice that blocks too many hardworking families and individuals from realizing their full potential.

Many people throughout California and across the nation have been working hard to counteract the damage done by thoughts and acts of hatred and intolerance. At a time when we as a nation should be focusing our efforts on healing our wounds, it is troubling that an academic institution would be dedicated to unraveling the fabric of our multicultural society. Our nation will only be weakened if we fail to speak out against policies that seek to divide, segregate and denigrate people on the basis of race or religion.

HONORING JUDGE GERALD SNODGRASS

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a longtime community leader, Judge Gerald Snodgrass. On March 2nd, community leaders will join family and friends to celebrate the career of Judge Snodgrass as he marks his retirement after 20 years of service in the

field of law, and to the citizens of Burton, Michigan.

In 1969 Gerald Snodgrass began his distinguished legal career, receiving his Juris Doctorate Degree from Texas Southern University. Two years later, he received a degree in Criminal Prosecution from the University of Houston. He eventually made his way to Michigan, where in 1978 he received a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice and Sociology and also post-graduate degrees from the University of Detroit, Western Michigan University, and a degree in Industrial Management from Cleary College in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Armed with this impressive educational experience, Gerald decided to pursue both law and education. He began a career as an educator, working as an Adjunct Professor at Charles Stewart Mott College, Western Michigan University, and the University of Detroit. He also began his legal career in 1971 as a Senior Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in Genesee County. He was then chosen to serve as a Judge in Genesee County's 67th District Court. During this time he also served as an Alternate Circuit Judge for the 7th Judicial Circuit, a position he held for 18 years. After 20 years of service as a judge, he continued his legal career as a Trial Attorney specializing in criminal law and personal injury cases.

Mr. Speaker, Judge Snodgrass has always tried to ensure that justice was provided to all Americans. That is why every person who appeared before him was treated with the utmost dignity and respect. But I believe what always made Gerald such a special judge and person was the time he spent in the community, visiting the churches, meeting with people of all economic, ethnic, and racial backgrounds. He is responsible for making our community a much better place. It is for this reason that I ask my colleagues in the 106th Congress to join me in congratulating Judge Snodgrass on his retirement.

CONGRESSIONAL TRIBUTE TO
FAYE BOYD, ANNA JO HAYNES,
COUNCILWOMAN EDNA MOSLEY,
STATE SENATOR GLORIA TANNER
AND HAZEL WHITSETT

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the splendid efforts and notable accomplishments of five outstanding women in the African American Community within the 1st Congressional District of Colorado. It is fitting and proper that we recognize these leaders for their exceptional record of civic leadership and invaluable service to our community. It is to commend these outstanding citizens that I rise to honor Faye Boyd, posthumously, Anna Jo Haynes, Councilwoman Edna Mosley, State Senator Gloria Tanner, and Hazel Whitsett.

Faye Boyd touched the lives of many people and made a tremendous impact on our community and those who knew her and worked with her. Faye fulfilled both the spiritual and humanitarian needs of our community through her church, the Shorter Community African Methodist Episcopal Church. She was president of the Women's Missionary So-

ciety and shared an international ministry in Central Africa with her husband, Reverend Jesse Langston Boyd. She worked in communications and media and was the author and producer of Christian Music and drama productions.

Faye Boyd devoted herself to protecting the interests and rights of working people as the Deputy Director of the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment and she was instrumental in creating both the Physicians Accreditation and Independent Medical Examiners Programs. She was also well known for working conscientiously and effectively in addressing the needs of various groups and constituencies as the Director of Constituency Outreach for Governor Roy Romer. It comes as no surprise to our community that Faye Boyd was recently honored as one of the "Women of Distinction—2000" by Macedonia Baptist Church for her devotion and extraordinary service to our community.

Anna Jo Haynes has devoted a lifetime to improving the condition of children and families in Denver. She currently serves as the Executive Director of the Mile High Child Care Association and under her direction, the agency now operates thirteen child development centers that truly serve families in Denver's inner-city neighborhoods.

Ms. Haynes began her distinguished career in early childhood during the mid-1960's where she served in a variety of capacities with Head Start. As an educator, she developed a college credit course for training family child care home providers with the Community College of Denver and subsequently developed and provided training for two hundred family child care homes which served as satellites to the Mile High Child Care centers. She directed the development of the nationally recognized television series, "Spoonful of Lovin'."

Anna Jo Haynes has an impressive history of civic leadership. She was the founding Chairperson for the Colorado Children's Campaign and is a past President of the Women's Foundation of Colorado. Ms. Haynes was appointed to the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues by then Congresswoman Patricia Schroeder and served as a consultant to the White House Conference on Children and Youth. She is the Co-Chair of the City/School Joint Council for Early Childhood Care and Education and chairs the Mayor's Child Care Advisory Committee. Her devotion and service to our community has earned her several accolades and major awards including the YMCA's Martin Luther King Human Dignity Award and the Children's Health and Welfare Award given by the Colorado Chapter of the American Association of Pediatrics.

Councilwoman Edna Mosley has amassed a distinguished record of leadership in our community and with the City of Aurora. She currently serves as an At-Large Member of the Aurora City Council and in that capacity has provided the needed guidance and public policy direction pertaining to city management, finance and budget, transportation, planning and development, and environmental affairs. She has been on the forefront of redevelopment for former military installations in the 1st Congressional District of Colorado and serves as the Vice Chair of the Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority and has served as an Executive Committee Member of the Lowry Economic Recovery Project.

Councilwoman Mosley has also been an effective advocate for equal opportunity in Colo-

rado and served as the Director of Community Relations for the Colorado Civil Rights Commission, as well as the Director of Community Development and a Board Member for the Urban League of Metro Denver. Her broad range of activities and interests has been a great service to the community as well. She was a founder and board member of the Women's Bank, and has served as the Chairperson of Denver Sister Cities International, the Denver Civic Theater, the Morning Star Senior Day Care Center and Adams County Economic Development, Inc. She has served as a member of the Governor's Trade Mission to the People's Republic of China and the Colorado Supreme Court Nominating Commission.

Her commitment and service has earned her several awards including the Aurora Chamber of Commerce "Woman of the Year Award", the Colorado Broadcaster's Association "Excellence in Broadcasting Award" for Best Sustaining Public Affairs Program, the Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday Commission Humanitarian Award.

State Senator Gloria Tanner has an eminent history of civil leadership. I had the great privilege of serving with her in the Colorado State Legislature. Senator Tanner has been a trailblazer and is the first African American woman to serve in the Colorado Senate. Currently, she is one of six legislators to serve on the powerful Joint Budget Committee, which formulates the budget for the State of Colorado. Senator Tanner has been a voice for progress in Colorado and has sponsored and passed significant legislation pertaining to civil rights for women and minorities, marital discrimination in the workplace, parental responsibility, worker's compensation cost savings and parental rights for adoptive parents.

In 1998, Senator Tanner was elected President of the National Organization of Black Elected Legislators/Women. She is the founder and past Chairperson of the Colorado Black Women for Political Action and the Chairperson of the Colorado Caucus of Black Elected Officials. She has served on numerous commissions and boards including the Commission on Women, the Governor's Job Training Council, the Economic Development Commission and the Juvenile Justice Committee.

Her devotion and service to the community has earned her numerous awards for her civic and social contributions including the Metro Denver Chamber of Commerce "Leadership Denver" Award and the Colorado Association of Community Centered Boards "2000 Legislator of the Year" Award.

Hazel Whitsett has been on the front lines of progress for over thirty years. She is one of the co-founders and is currently the Executive Director of the Northeast Women's Center. This Center works with women and families to increase opportunity and build self-sufficiency through education, training and employment.

Hazel Whitsett has been a long time activist and has an extensive record of designing and conducting educational programs in the community. Her membership on several boards and commissions including Colorado Kids Ignore Drugs, The Black Church Initiative, The Colorado Black Women for Political Action, The Black Women's Network and the National Council of Negro Women exhibits her strong commitment to community, families and youth. Her devotion and service to our community has earned her several local and national

awards including the National Common Cause Public Service Award, the National Council of Negro Women "Women in Excellence" Award, the Colorado Black Women for Political Action "Tribute to Black Women" Award, and the American Association of University Women "Trailblazers" Award.

Please join me in commending Faye Boyd, Anna Jo Haynes, Councilwoman Edna Mosley, State Senator Gloria Tanner and Hazel Whitsett for their courage, dedication and invaluable service to our community. It is the strong leadership they exhibit on a daily basis that continually enhances our lives and builds a better future for all Americans. Their lives serve as examples to which we should all aspire.

HONORING ELSIE COFIELD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join with the West Haven Black Coalition as they honor my dear friend, Elsie Cofield, with the Distinguished Citizens Award. Elsie, as founder of AIDS Interfaith Network, has demonstrated a unique commitment and dedication to the comfort and care of those members of our community living with AIDS and facing the many challenges of this terrible disease.

An educator for 31 years, Elsie founded AIDS Interfaith Network, an organization dedicated to providing care to New Haven residents afflicted with HIV and AIDS, after her retirement in 1987. Elsie, recognizing the need, focused her attentions on the inner-city. AIDS Interfaith Network provides a full circle of assistance with social service agencies, support groups, individual counseling, transportation, food and clothing—offering both physical and spiritual comfort. Elsie's enthusiasm and passion has improved the quality of life for many residents of New Haven. Beginning with a few volunteers, Elsie built a solid foundation and for eleven years has assisted hundreds of families as they face both life and death simultaneously.

What began as a small, volunteer-staffed program in a small church basement has flourished into a national working model for church-based AIDS programs. Under Elsie's strong leadership and endless faith, AIDS Interfaith Network has grown to hold nine full-time and six part-time employees. "Putting a face to people with AIDS" has been her enduring philosophy and it is this personal approach that has made this program so successful. It is rare to find an individual that demonstrates the personal touch the way Elsie has—every man, woman and child she sees is special to her. She has traveled to hospitals at midnight to hold a hand, attended the funerals of clients she has served, and written commemorative poems memorializing those she has known best.

A myriad of awards and citations adorn her walls—testimony to her undaunted spirit and inspirational dedication. Devoting their attention to predominantly minority families and neighborhoods, AIDS Interfaith Network has

caught the attention of local, state, and national organizations. Honors from the Yale Divinity School, State of Connecticut, the National Organization for Women, and an invitation to join President Clinton at his announcement for programs aimed at stemming the spread of AIDS in minority communities all speak to her success. Elsie's commitment to her work is well-known throughout the community and was further affirmed as former New Haven Mayor John Daniels declared October 11, 1990 Elsie Cofield Day.

It is with sincere thanks and appreciation that I stand today and honor Elsie Cofield for her outstanding and invaluable service to our community. She has made a difference in so many lives and has truly distinguished herself as a community member and citizen.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE PATRICIA HILLIGOSS

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I am here today to pay tribute to the Honorable Patricia Hilligoss, a community leader, who after years of fighting for Petaluma, California, recently lost her battle with Lou Gehrig's disease.

It's hard to think of Petaluma without thinking "Madam Mayor," as Patty was called.

During my eight years as Petaluma City Councilwoman working with Madam Mayor, I came to respect her hard work on behalf of our city. Even when we didn't see eye to eye, I knew that Patty was doing what she thought was right and what she considered best for the city.

Two of her legacies to our city include affordable housing for seniors and an award-winning general plan. These will continue to make a difference for Petaluma well into the future.

For 12 years, Madam Mayor pounded the gavel at City Council meetings and made numerous trips to Sacramento and Washington to advocate on behalf of our city.

Outside Council Chambers, Madam Mayor continued her advocacy for the residents of Petaluma. She was active with the Petaluma Valley Hospital Foundation, Boys and Girls Club, Committee on the Shelterless, and the Petaluma Visitors Bureau.

Whenever there was an event in Petaluma, you knew Madam Mayor was part of it. From parades to ribbon cuttings to Eagle Scout ceremonies, Patty Hilligoss was a part of Petaluma's life.

She may be gone, but her work for the residents of Petaluma will survive for many years to come.

You will be missed, Madam Mayor.

CELEBRATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GUNNISON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize the 60th Anniversary of the Gunnison County Public Library.

The library assembles, preserves and administers collections of books and related educational and recreational materials to promote the communication of ideas and enrichment of personal lives. It serves as a center of reliable information, supports the Gunnison community and encourages education and recreation through the use of literature, music, media and other forms of art.

The library began as an idea in 1939. The American Association of University Women, AAUW, placed 2,000 volumes of books in the basement of Webster Hall. The community contributed books, magazines, money and manpower to support the organization. Now the Gunnison County Public Library consists of two buildings, reading programs and many other opportunities for community involvement.

When space began to run out for the existing library, efforts to fund raise took priority. Between grants and contributions from the Community, the new library opened in 1974. In 1982, a donation was made to the library to add a music room and a story telling room. The library was formally dedicated and named after Ann Zugelder, the library's main supporter.

Throughout the past sixty years, the Ann Zugelder Public Library has undergone many changes. AAUW continues its support of the library, as it has from the beginning.

The library has also expanded to include a branch in Crested Butte. This branch of the Gunnison County Public Library was originally housed on the second floor of the Crested Butte Elementary School. The library is now located in the Old Rock Schoolhouse, a building that was renovated after many years of vacancy. Public and private funds were raised to make the renovations possible. In 1993, former Colorado Governor Roy Romer dedicated the Old Rock Community Library.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I would like to offer this tribute in honor of the 60th Anniversary of the Gunnison County Public Library. It has served its community well.

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO JOHN "JACK" RAHDER

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with deepest sympathy that I pay a special tribute to my constituent John "Jack" Rahder, of Whittier, who passed away in an automobile accident on February 10. With his passing, Whittier lost an exemplary citizen—a great husband, father, grandfather and community volunteer.

Jack will be remembered for the tremendous support he gave his wife throughout her career and in her current position as the City of Whittier's Planning Commissioner. Helen was by his side in that tragic car accident and luckily she survived, though with many injuries. We pray for her speedy recovery.

Publicly, Jack will be widely remembered for his tremendous efforts as a volunteer—an endeavor to which he dedicated himself full-time after his retirement in 1990. Through his involvement with community programs at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Jack delivered tons of surplus food and supplies each week from a

regional food bank in Los Angeles to low income families in Whittier.

It was fitting that Jack gave so much of his time and energy to a community that was deeply interwoven with his own life. He was born in Whittier on October 17, 1939. His mother, Doris Burton Rahder, was a longtime Whittier resident and 1927 graduate of Whittier High School. As a child, Jack moved to the Central Valley with his family and graduated from Bakersfield High School and the Northrop Institute of Technology. He then worked as an aerospace designer for Boeing and Northrop, and later became a pilot for United Airlines.

Even though he lived in Bakersfield, Jack strengthened his ties with his hometown when he married Helen McKenna, also of Whittier, in 1978. Five years later, they returned to Whittier with their six children.

Jack is survived by his brother Keith, his children David, Robbie, Teri, Chris, T.K. and Katie and ten grandchildren. His family and friends will miss him greatly and to them I extend by sincerest heartfelt sympathy and pray that they will receive God's comforting graces in abundance.

CONGRESSMAN KILDEE HONORS
SISTER KATHERINE SEIDENWAND

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in paying tribute to an outstanding educator, Sister Katherine Seidenwand. Last year, Sister Katherine, or "Sister Kate" as she is known to friends and family, celebrated her 80th birthday on February 1st, 1999. This year, Sister Kate will attain another milestone, as on March 5, she will celebrate 60 years of service to God, the Catholic Church, and her community.

As a member of The Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sister Kate has devoted her entire time toward the field of education. Not only did she function as a teacher and administrator, but by the nature of her position, she was a counselor, spiritual advisor, and friend to many.

Sister Kate's educational ministry began in 1941 at St. Cecilia's Parish, and from there she went on to spread her influence throughout the Southeastern Michigan area, including St. Patrick in Wyandotte, Holy Name in Birmingham, St. Mary of Wayne, St. Mary of Redford, and St. John of Monroe. In 1959, Sister Kate became the founding principal of St. Regis School, and held that position until 1970. After leaving St. Regis, Sister Kate returned to work with the IHM order, as their Community Education Supervisor, but soon found herself returning to an administrative role, as in 1972, she began a 23-year tenure as Co-principal of St. Mary of Redford.

In 1995, Sister Kate changed roles, stepping down as Co-Principal, and becoming an Administrative Volunteer, thereby allowing others to grow and improve based on her personal experiences and insight.

Mr. Speaker, Sister Katherine Seidenwand has inspired many in the field of education. More importantly, she has instilled in them the importance of faith and the joy of God's love.

As a former seminarian, studying with her late brother Father Eugene Seidenwand, and as a teacher it is indeed an honor and a privilege for me to pay tribute to Sister Kate. I know that I am a better person for having known her, and our community is certainly a better place because of her presence. She has served our Lord and our community with the greatest devotion and is deserving of our praise.

HONORING THE REMARKABLE
CAREER OF LIZ BENNETT

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable career of one of the best teachers in the state of Tennessee—Liz Bennett. Mrs. Bennett will retire in April from the Rutherford County School System after 30 years as an educator.

Mrs. Bennett not only taught students, she also taught young teachers how to help their students learn more effectively. After 17 years in the classroom teaching second graders, she took on another role as the coordinator of elementary education. In this capacity, she advised young teachers on the best techniques for helping children to learn.

A whole generation of educators and students have benefited through their association with a person so caring, devoted and energetic to her profession. Her uncanny ability to transfer her knowledge to others has made the Rutherford County School System one of the best anywhere. Mrs. Bennett is, without a doubt, absolutely one of the best teachers I have ever known.

Mrs. Bennett will leave a big void inside Rutherford County's classrooms when she retires in April, but we all can be satisfied in knowing that she has left an indelible mark on the teaching profession. I congratulate Liz Bennett on her admirable and distinguished career and wish her well in her much-deserved retirement.

HONORING A MEMBER OF THE AD
100, ILLYA HENDRIX

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize one of Architectural Digest's top one hundred interior designers and architects for the year of 2000. The AD 100 is an international guide profiling outstanding and talented designers and architects from around the world. Architectural Digest publishes this list once every five years. The gifted designer being honored is Mr. Illya Hendrix.

Mr. Hendrix and his partner, Tom Allardyce, founded their design firm in Los Angeles in 1980. For the past twenty years, they have specialized in residential estates. Their innovative designs for architectural structures, their customized interior surfaces, and their choice of exquisite antique furnishings have earned

them numerous awards and published features of their projects both in national and international magazines. Their most recent endeavor has been the creation of their own line of furniture and accessories. Their firm employs a full-time support staff to provide quality craftsmanship for each project.

The firm's international clientele is varied and includes notable names from the entertainment and business industries. They take pride in their ability to incorporate into the design the preferences and individual style of each of their clients. This enables the client to make an easy transition when their home is completed. Mr. Hendrix and Mr. Allardyce travel frequently to Europe with their clients in search of the unusual and fine furnishings and objects to create and complement the classic and timeless style that is their trademark.

It is with this outstanding achievement, Mr. Speaker, that I offer this tribute in honor of Illya and his contribution to the international community of architecture and interior design.

SALUTE TO D.C. UNITED,
"AMERICA'S SOCCER TEAM"

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and applaud D.C. United as "America's Soccer Team," which won its third Major League Soccer (MLS) championship while Congress was in recess. It is a well-deserved title, not only because the team is located in the nation's capital, but especially because D.C. United has won three of the four MLS championships offered by the league. Rarely, if ever, has an American team so dominated its sport or displayed greater skill and sportsmanship. Both were in full view last November, when United snared its latest championship in a two-to-nothing victory over Los Angeles.

We, who live in the District of Columbia, are proud that D.C. United took our hometown name. Our hometown soccer team has become the District's version of a triple crown champion that does not know how to lose. D.C. United's victories over the past several years have paralleled the continuing revitalization of the team's hometown. After what our city went through in the 1990s, the team's championship means much more to D.C. than it would to Baltimore or New York, or Atlanta or Los Angeles. D.C. United has taught this town that we, too, can be winners. Now, when Americans and people from around the world visit the nation's capital, they come not only to see our monuments. They want also to see our monumental team.

Our team reflects the nations of the world in a sport that is played by virtually every country in the world. Across the nation and throughout the soccer world, D.C. United fans applaud the team's determination to fight and to win. Today, we salute D.C. United for a job well done and send best wishes to "America's Soccer Team."

HONORING JUDY LACHVAYDER,
RECIPIENT OF A 1999 TEACHER
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Judy Lachvayder, a science teacher at Parma Senior High School in Parma, Ohio, and recipient of a 1999 Ohio Teacher Achievement Award. Ms. Lachvayder is one of ten Ohio teachers to be honored by the Ashland Oil Company for her exceptional accomplishments in teaching.

Judy Lachvayder is an enthusiastic and inspiring teacher. She has three personal teaching principles—know your subject, keep alive, and be inspired. Lachvayder does all these things, and does them well. First, she possesses great knowledge in the subject of science. She is a former Christa McAuliffe grant recipient; a two-time participant in the Human Genome Project; a recipient of the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship to study neurobiology at Princeton University; an Access Excellence Fellow; and a recent participant in the "Forging a Link" conference of the National Science Foundation. She follows her second principle, "Keep Alive", by staying current with her subject matter and through personal self-discovery and growth. And finally, she stays inspired by challenging her students to get excited about science and to think critically.

Lachvayder says, "Just as new pathways were opened for us by various explorers, teachers help to open new pathways of exploration for their students."

Lachvayder encourages her students to become independent learners with the ability to think both critically and creatively. Her caring and devoted style of teaching is an inspiration.

My fellow colleagues, please join with me in honoring Judy Lachvayder on her receipt of the 1999 Ohio Teacher Achievement Award.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Guam village of Mangilao on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of Mayorship for the municipality. I would also like to pay tribute to four men who, through the past five decades, have devoted and dedicated a substantial portion of their lives towards service to the island of Guam and the village of Mangilao. The Honorable Jesus Cruz Pereira, the Honorable Jesus dela Rosa Santos, the Honorable Nicolas Duenas Francisco, and the Honorable Nonito C. Blas are men who have made great contributions to the progress, growth and development of the village of Mangilao.

Mangilao's first mayor, the Honorable Jesus C. Pereira was born in Hagatna, Guam on November 13, 1920—the son of Manuel Delgado and Josepha Leon Guerrero Cruz Pereira. He was educated at the Guam Institute and the Edmund S. Root Agricultural School and

worked as a civil service employee for the United States Navy. In 1944, he enlisted in the Navy and served through 1950.

Having been instrumental in the development of Mangilao into a separate municipality which was formerly part of the village of Barrigada, Mayor Pereira holds the distinction of having been elected as the first mayor to serve the village of Mangilao. His service commencing in 1950, the mayor went on to serve a total of 16 years in this post. During his tenure, he directed Mangilao's growth from a community of 700 to a full fledged village of 3,000 residents. In addition, Mayor Pereira played a vital role in the establishment of facilities for the University of Guam, the Guam Community College and the Department of Public Health and Social Services within his village. Holding seniority over the men who have served as Mangilao village mayors, Mayor Pereira, to this day, continues to offer assistance and advice to the residents and leadership of the village of Mangilao.

In 1968, the Honorable Jesus dela Rosa Santos became the second man to be elected mayor of Mangilao. He took office at a crucial time in the village's development. Mayor Santos immediately became his constituency's link to the Government of Guam enabling Mangilao to gain government services and basic infrastructure such as power, water and roads which were unavailable at the time. In addition, he was known for going above and beyond the prescribed duties of his office—dedicating his time and personal funds to needy constituents. As mayor, he was instrumental in enhancing public awareness to Federal Welfare Assistance and other programs designed to benefit eligible constituents.

Born in Hagatna on November 16, 1923, Mayor Santos grew up in the village of Mongmong. He graduated from George Washington High School shortly after the end of the Second World War and commenced government service with the Records and Account Office. He was later employed by the Department of Land Management for sixteen years prior to his election as Mayor.

After the end of his tenure as mayor in 1972, Mayor Santos worked in the private sector, initially for Ricky's Auto Company and later, in 1973, for Citibank. Although he retired in 1984, he has been active in the area of agriculture and is known for imparting his knowledge of the traditional ways of farming and raising livestock. He remains a valued member of the community and has always been willing to contribute towards the benefit of the village of Mangilao.

The Honorable Nicolas Duenas Francisco was born in the village of Mangilao on September 12, 1945—the son of Joaquin Cabrera Francisco and Angustia Tenorio Duenas. Popularly known as "Nick," Mayor Francisco attended Price Elementary and San Vicente Middle School and graduated in 1964 from Tumon High School now known as John F. Kennedy High School. Prior to enlisting in the United States Army in 1966, he worked as an apprentice at an air engineering company, as a community worker for the Department of Public Health and Social Services, and as a youth counselor in the Juvenile Justice Division of the Superior Court of Guam. Nick served during the Vietnam War. In recognition of his valor and distinguished service, he was awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

In 1972, he successfully ran for Mayor of Mangilao. He went on to win re-elections for three consecutive terms. As mayor, he was able to secure over 2 million dollar's worth of capital improvement projects for his village. His many accomplishments include the construction of a baseball field, the establishment of the Mangilao Senior Citizens' Center, the completion of over fifty paved roadways, and the naming of over 200 streets within the village of Mangilao.

He served as mayor until 1987 when he was appointed Deputy Director of Civil Defense/Guam Emergency Services Office by then Governor Joseph F. Ada. In addition to his continued involvement with the Guam Babe Ruth Baseball League and the Kiwanis Club, he continues to provide service to the community to this day as a Legislative Aide to the Honorable Mark Forbes, member of the Liheslaturan Guahan.

The current mayor of Mangilao, the Honorable Nonito C. Blas was born in Hagatna. Known to many as "Nito," Mayor Blas attended Asan and Agana Elementary School before graduating from George Washington High School in 1957. He went on to enlist in the United States Navy. He served for 24 years and retired in 1980 at the rank of chief yeoman.

Upon his retirement from the Navy, Nito returned to Guam and worked as an alternative sentencing officer for the Superior Court of Guam. In 1988, he was appointed by then Governor Ada to serve in the vacated Mangilao mayor seat. In 1989, Nito was elected to the position which he has held for the past eleven years.

Upon taking office, Mayor Blas continued his predecessor's commitment to capital improvement projects. His efforts have resulted in the repair and installation of guardrails along village roads, installation of street signs, flood control projects, sewer improvement projects, hazard elimination projects and the construction of community and recreational facilities.

A member of several local civil organizations, Mayor Blas has been a very active member of the community. He has made substantial contributions towards the enhancement of youth activities and senior citizens programs in the village of Mangilao. As with his predecessors, Mayor Blas should be commended for his outstanding job in fostering the growth and successfully handling the rapid population expansion and ethnic diversity of Guam's cultural and population centers.

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the mayorship of the village of Mangilao, I congratulate the residents of this marvelous community and commend the remarkable mayors who, for the past fifty years, have labored, led and contributed to the growth and development of the village of Mangilao.

HONORING A MEMBER OF THE AD
100, TOM ALLARDYCE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize one of Architectural Digest's top one hundred interior designers and architects for the year of 2000. The

AD 100 is an international guide profiling outstanding and talented designers and architects from around the world. Architectural Digest publishes this list one every five years. The gifted designer being honored is Mr. Tom Allardyce.

Mr. Allardyce and his partner, Illya Hendrix, founded their design firm in Los Angeles in 1980. For the past twenty years, they have specialized in residential estates. Their innovative designs for architectural structures, their customized interior surfaces, and their choice of exquisite antique furnishings have earned them numerous awards and published features of their projects both in national and international magazines. Their most recent endeavor has been the creation of their own live of furniture and accessories. Their firm employs a full-time support staff to provide quality craftsmanship for each project.

The firm's international clientele is varied and includes notable names from the entertainment and business industries. They take pride in their ability to incorporate into the design the preferences and individual style of each of their clients. This enables the client to make an easy transition when their home is completed. Mr. Hendrix and Mr. Allardyce travel frequently to Europe with their clients in search of the unusual and fine furnishings and objects to create and complement the classic and timeless style that is their trademark.

It is with this outstanding achievement, Mr. Speaker, that I offer this tribute in honor of Tom and his contribution to the international community of architecture and interior design.

THE NEED FOR A NATIONAL DIALOGUE IN KAZAKHSTAN

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, last December President Nursultan Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan was in Washington, D.C. for the annual meeting of the U.S.-Kazakhstan Joint Commission. The purpose of these meetings, which are alternately held in the United States and Kazakhstan, is to promote economic and political cooperation between our two countries. Among other things, the U.S. side regularly presses the government of Kazakhstan to improve its human rights record and undertake economic and political reform.

I understand that U.S. officials pressed the Kazakhstani side especially hard this year, because of the sham parliamentary elections held last October, heightened corruption, and an acceleration of abusive action taken against opponents of President Nazarbayev's increasingly repressive government. In an apparent move to blunt U.S. pressure during the upcoming Joint Commission meeting, President Nazarbayev issued a statement on November 4, 1999 indicating his willingness to cooperate with the opposition in Kazakhstan. He also stated he would welcome the return of former Prime Minister Akhezan Kazhegeldin, the exiled leader of the main opposition party.

On November 19, Mr. Kazhegeldin responded to President Nazarbayev by calling for a "national dialogue" to examine ways to advance democracy, economic development and national reconciliation in Kazakhstan.

Similar national dialogues have met with success in Poland, South Africa and Nicaragua. Mr. Kazhegeldin pointed out that convening a national dialogue would be an ideal way to initiate cooperation between the opposition and the government.

However, President Nazarbayev has reacted with stony silence to Mr. Kazhegeldin's proposal. Moreover, Mr. Nazarbayev has reneged on a pledge he made in November to ship oil through the proposed Baku-Ceyhan pipeline, and continues to refuse to settle investment disputes with foreign companies that have lost millions of dollars because the government failed to honor its commitments. Mr. Nazarbayev also arranged to have a "kangaroo court" convict an opposition leader for having the temerity to criticize Nazarbayev's government. Finally, and this is very troubling, an investigation and trial have failed to find anyone to blame for the delivery last year of 40 MIG fighter aircraft from Kazakhstan to North Korea.

Mr. Speaker, the Administration needs to stop turning the other cheek every time Mr. Nazarbayev commits an outrage. The cause of freedom and democracy will continue to backslide in Kazakhstan unless the Administration voices its strong support for a national dialogue similar to the one proposed by former Prime Minister Kazhegeldin. At the very least, the government of Kazakhstan should make one hour a week of state-controlled television available for use by the opposition. The U.S., for its part, should assist the democratic opposition by providing printing presses to replace those that have been confiscated by the government. It is time to stand up for democracy in Kazakhstan and to stop coddling dictators like Nazarbayev.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit an article into the RECORD from the Washington Times that speaks volumes about the situation in Kazakhstan today.

[From the Washington Times, Dec. 20; 1999]
DINING WITH DICTATORS—WHITE HOUSE FETES
KAZAKH PRESIDENT

(By Thomas B. Evans, Jr.)

For some inexplicable reason the president of Kazakhstan, Nursultan Nazarbayev, has been invited to visit Washington this month by the Clinton-Gore administration.

Mr. Nazarbayev is the same dictator who over the past eight years has created a monopoly of riches for himself, his family and carefully selected friends. He has also lured many investors to his country and then pilaged their assets for himself, his family and a few cronies. Knowledgeable sources say that he is the eighth richest man in the world. This, in a country where the per capita income is well below the poverty level.

Mr. Nazarbayev is the same person who promised Vice President Gore a year ago that he would permit a fair and free presidential election in January 1999 and then rigged the disqualification of his main opponent, thereby eliminating any chance of defeat and ensuring the perpetuation of his corrupt regime. Mr. Nazarbayev is also the same person who has had \$85 million in ill-gotten gains frozen by the judiciary in Switzerland. Mr. Nazarbayev is the same individual who ordered the destruction of printing presses used to print newspapers questioning his policies.

And Mr. Nazarbayev's record on human rights is anything but outstanding. There is, quite simply, no freedom of the press, no independent judiciary and no freedom of assembly that could threaten Mr. Nazarbayev's one-man one-family rule in Kazakhstan.

In spite of all the above, Kazakhstan still receives millions of dollars in foreign assistance from U.S. taxpayers and hundreds of millions more indirectly through the Export-Import Bank and international financial institutions in which the United States is a major contributor. Is it not just about time that we let dictators like Mr. Nazarbayev know that we are not going to accept this type of behavior? Is it not past time for us to be taken as fools who don't care about how a country's ruler treats his people and foreign investors? Is Kazakhstan's oil so important to us that we would sacrifice basic principles by inviting dictators to dine with our president and vice president? Don't we ever learn lessons from past mistakes? Doesn't anyone in the administration remember how in Indonesia President Suharto's greed, nepotism and general misrule led to his downfall and plunged the country into near chaos? Tolerance of corrupt rule does not contribute to stability. In fact, quite the opposite is true. Have we also learned nothing by cozying up to Victor Chernomyrdin in Russia? Certainly, none of these examples are ancient history.

Surely, this administration does not want to assist in the perpetuation of a regime in Kazakhstan that is the antithesis of all that we stand for as Americans. Both the president and vice president should make it unmistakably clear that the status quo in Kazakhstan is unacceptable.

On Nov. 17, former Prime Minister Akhezan Kazhegeldin, who was prevented from running against Mr. Nazarbayev last January and now heads the leading opposition party (although living in exile in Western Europe), proposed that a national dialogue be launched with a view toward reforming the political and economic system in Kazakhstan and holding free and fair presidential and parliamentary elections. Similar national dialogues were successful in Poland and South Africa, and convening one for Kazakhstan could set the pattern for reform throughout the former Soviet republics of Central Asia. Mr. Clinton and Mr. Gore should emphasize to Mr. Nazarbayev that close cooperation between our two countries depends on his agreement to participate in a national dialogue. They should also insist that in order for a national dialogue to be credible, it must be held outside Kazakhstan and should be organized and monitored with the assistance of respected organizations such as the Council of Europe or the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. Mr. Clinton and Mr. Gore should make support for political and economic reform the centerpiece of their discussions with Mr. Nazarbayev. That is the very least this administration should do at this point, and that is not an unreasonable expectation on the part of the United States.

A PROCLAMATION COMMENDING CHRISTOPHER J. BARRETT ON HIS PROMOTION TO THE RANK OF MAJOR IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I commend the following to my colleagues:

Whereas, Christopher J. Barrett was recently promoted to the rank of Major in the United States Army; and,

Whereas, Christopher J. Barrett has served as a Military Police Officer in the United

States army for eleven years and has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to the preservation of the United States of America; and,

Whereas, in 1991 Christopher J. Barrett served his country in Operation Desert Storm during the Gulf War and the citizens of the United States of America owe Major Barrett a great deal of gratitude for his undying loyalty and dedication to our country; and,

Whereas, the Members of Congress, with a real sense of gratitude and pride, join me in commending Major Christopher J. Barrett on his recent promotion in Major in the United States Army.

HONORING ROBERT M. EPPLEY

HON. WILLIAM F. GOODLING

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert M. Eppley for his many years of service to Cumberland County, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Eppley is currently Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for Middlesex Township, Pennsylvania. He was first elected supervisor of Middlesex Township in 1963. Prior to that, he spent three years as supervisor in East Pennsboro Township. His service in both townships qualifies Mr. Eppley as one of the most senior municipal officials in Cumberland County.

Mr. Eppley has served through eight Presidential administrations and has never missed an opportunity to vote since being qualified to do so. While a Cumberland County committeeman, he served on the County Committee's Finance and Executive Committees and guided Middlesex Township from a farming community of 1,900 people to its present status as a transportation center for the eastern United States. As a committee member and a lifelong public servant, he has dedicated his life to serving our country by bettering our government and political process.

Mr. Eppley has been a Sergeant-at-Arms of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors, a Deacon of St. Matthew's United Church of Christ, and a Deputy District Commander and County Commander for the American Legion. He is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Mechanicsburg Men's Club, and a charter member of the Enola's Sportsman Club. Mr. Eppley is also a veteran of World War II, having served as a corporal in the Army.

If every precinct had a committeeman that is as involved and dedicated as Bob Eppley, rest assured more Americans would be involved in the electoral and political process. Mr. Speaker, I salute Robert M. Eppley for his lifetime of public service to Cumberland County and his many years of dedication to the betterment of our community.

THE CHANGING FACE OF
AMERICA'S FINANCIAL SUCCESS

HON. JENNIFER DUNN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Ms. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, women are changing the face of America's financial success.

Today, there are nearly 8.5 million women-owned businesses in the United States, and they are increasing in number, range, diversity, and earning power. As their companies expand, women business owners employ 18.5 million individuals and produces \$3.1 trillion in sales.

Since 1994, the Republican-led Congress has diligently worked on behalf of women business owners. We have instituted a variety of reforms from achieving a balanced budget and modernizing financial services, to easing the burden of unnecessary regulation and taxation. In this new century, we must do everything we can to keep the economy growing and enable women to keep more of their hard-earned dollars.

I would like to take the opportunity to submit an insightful interview, conducted by the Center for International Private Enterprise in their magazine *Economic Reform Today*, highlighting the positive contributions of women-owned businesses to the U.S. economy.

BUSINESSWOMEN IN THE MAINSTREAM

ERT: In recent years, the US and a few other industrial nations have seen very impressive growth in the number of women-owned firms. What do you think is the reason for this rapid increase, and what impact is it having on the US economy?

Mr. DONOHUE: It's very true that the number of women-owned firms has increased phenomenally. In 1997, the US Small Business Administration (SBA) found that women owned 8.5 million small businesses in this country—that's one in every three small businesses! Together, they employ more than 23.8 million people and generate up to \$3.1 trillion in sales.

There are many reasons why there has been such a rapid expansion in the number of women in business. First of all, women in general are increasingly better educated than they were a few decades ago. According to the US Department of Commerce, in 1970 only 8% of women completed college, compared with 14% of men. By 1990, that number had risen to 17.6% (compared with 23% of men). Women's educational attainment increased by 4.8% while men's rose by only 2.8%.

In addition to being better prepared, women are also delaying marriage and childbearing in order to enter the workplace—a trend that started in the 1970's. The percent of never-married females ages 20 to 29 rose, in average, by 11.4% between 1980 and 1990. This helped power an increase in productivity from which we are benefiting today.

The impact of these twin social trends has been to increase the influence of women in business—particularly small business. For many women, owning a business and setting their own schedules has been a way for them to reconcile their personal and career goals. Between 1987 and 1996, the number of women-owned businesses grew 78%—and, according to the National Foundation of Women Business Owners, women are starting businesses at twice the rate of men. As a result of this incredible productivity and activity, women-owned firms now employ more people than do the Fortune 500 companies!

ERT: The US Chamber has seen a significant increase in women-owned businesses as a segment of its membership in recent years. Has this changed the organization in any way?

Mr. DONOHUE: In recent years, the US Chamber has approached this positive situation in two ways. First, we have worked hard to provide resources for businesswomen. For example, throughout 1999 the Chamber is co-sponsoring three national satellite con-

ferences designed to help women entrepreneurs develop winning small business strategies.

These conferences are intended to present women business owners with an excellent opportunity to grow and learn from fellow entrepreneurs and to share their knowledge and experience with colleagues. These conference programs also include a question-and-answer session with the studio audience and call-in participants. Co-sponsors of the series include Edward Jones, the US Small Business Administration, the Small Business Development Center Program, IBM, the American Business Women's Association, and Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE).

We have already held two conferences. The first was held May 17, 1999 and offered "Practical Tips for Today and Tomorrow." It featured Jay Conrad Levinson, author of *Guerilla Marketing: Secrets for Making Big Profits from Your Small Business* and Flori Roberts, an ethnic cosmetic pioneer who now runs motivational seminars. The second satellite conference was held August 30 and focused on how to expand a business. The third in the series—on financing for stability and growth—is set for November 2.

Networking opportunities and new resources have always been a key reason that women have joined the Chamber. But let's face it—whether you're a male business owner or a female business owner, you're still going to have the same interests and concerns when it comes right down to it.

You're still going to worry about high taxes, health care mandates and onerous workplace and environmental regulations that cost business well over \$700 billion every year. We understand this, and we fight for all of our members' interests before the US Congress, regulatory agencies, in the courts—and in the court of public opinion. And in our view, that's the main reason why women-owned businesses—and indeed, all of our business members—join together with us.

ERT: How can women business leaders help to shape public policy, and what is the role of public policy in promoting the involvement of women in business?

Mr. DONOHUE: Most women business leaders are so busy running their businesses that they have little time for public policy. But the most important public policy effort that women business leaders can make is to recognize that their interests lie in protecting and improving our system of free enterprise. Taxes, health care mandates and regulations impact every business, and it's important for women—and their male counterparts—to recognize this.

My advice to businesswomen in this country is to get involved. Join your local and state chambers of commerce. Become a member of the US Chamber of Commerce! Find examples of other women who have successfully fought for business and emulate them—for example, the Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce is Carol Ball, the Publisher and CEO of Ball Publishing Company of Greenville, Ohio. She is a tough, ardent advocate for a pro-business agenda, and we are lucky to have her on board.

When it comes to promoting women in business, I believe that the US government ought to do two things. First, through agencies like the Small Business Administration, it should provide information and act as a clearinghouse for different resources that would be beneficial to women.

Second, I believe that the federal government should create a better climate for enterprise creation. From serious regulatory reform to better bankruptcy laws, pro-business policies will help all business owners,

but they will aid women in particular, who, as I previously noted, start businesses at twice the rate of men.

ERT: Women's business associations appear to be growing around the world. How can they make a difference? Do they address special needs of business-women that traditional business associations do not?

Mr. DONOHUE: Women's business associations are an invaluable resource for women at all stages of their careers. The networking possibilities alone make them worthwhile. In addition, some associations offer member benefits such as loans and discounts on business products. These benefits, other resources and networking are major draws for women entrepreneurs.

For example, the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) offers options for every phase of a career. Whether a woman is looking for a promotion, career move, her own business or a way to stay active in retirement, ABWA offers a specific membership program tailored to get her on her way.

But remembers, women's business associations and organizations like the Chamber can work together! The Chamber offers conferences and leadership forums to help prepare women for the world of business. And, as I've mentioned before, we also fight for pro-business policies that benefit both men and women.

ERT: In many nations, women-owned businesses are confined to cottage industries and the informal sector. Do you see this changing over time?

Mr. DONOHUE: Yes, I do. As more women in those societies enter the workforce, as they become better educated and as societies become more open, you will see greater numbers of women assume top corporate leadership posts around the world.

ERT: Many women business owners—even the smallest scale entrepreneurs—seek access to global markets and access to potential partners for their goods or services. Are there key ways in which their business associations should be assisting them?

Mr. DONOHUE: I'm very glad you asked that. The scale of international trade today is such that even the smallest of companies, be it an importer or a manufacturer, is operating on a global scale. The US Chamber has long been committed to policies that make it even easier for companies of all sizes to trade. Right now, we have a major international trade education project under way, in which we hope to communicate the benefits of increased trade to the public. By looking beyond our borders, women business owners have an excellent opening to grow their businesses, especially with the advent of information technology, the Internet and e-commerce. At the Chamber, we aim to create an environment so that these companies prosper, and that they take advantage of the opportunities available to them.

ERT: Speaking of technology, how do you foresee the Internet and other information technology boosting the ability of small-scale entrepreneurs—like many women-owned firms—to access international markets?

Mr. DONOHUE: The Internet is one of the most profound inventions of this century. It enables the smallest of small companies to compete with the biggest ones—if they can figure out how to do it.

The Internet confers many advantages on small businesses. For example, small companies can use it to monitor orders and other customer services—and cut costs dramatically. Network connectivity makes it possible for you to hook up your local area network (LAN) directly to the Internet. And a wide-area network (WAN) connection offers multiple simultaneous connections through a dedicated data line, at tremendous savings

over individual modems and standard telephone lines. This makes your existing internal email address work as Internet email addresses, and allows you to set up your own Web server (with your own domain name) to provide volumes of information to existing and potential new customers and to take orders on-line.

The Internet also offers small businesses a much wider consumer base. There are 92 million Internet users in North America. The number of women Internet users jumped by 80% in only nine months, passing the 10 million mark. And 55 million people have shopped on the Web for products ranging from books, computers, clothing, CDs, and videos, to cars, car parts and even houses. Those consumers spent \$12 billion this year, up from \$7 billion last year.

Moreover, the biggest business is . . . business! Companies have spent even more than consumers—about \$43 billion on Internet purchases according to Forrester Research. This year, that figure will likely jump to nearly \$110 billion. It's no wonder, as the University of Texas reported, that the Internet economy generated \$301 billion of revenues in 1998 and created 1.2 million jobs.

In short, to connect with people and businesses in other countries, the Internet can't be beat. And there's nowhere to go but up as more and more nations get wired and go on-line. E-commerce will be the story of the next century.

LEHIGH VALLEY HERO

HON. PATRICK J. TOOMEY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. TOOMEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to one of my constituents, Mr. J. Anderson Daub. Mr. Daub, who owns and operates five car dealerships in my district, recently won the prestigious Time Magazine Quality Dealer Award for outstanding performance. This award is the culmination of a lifetime of hard work for Mr. Daub, who began his career washing cars in his father's dealership at the age of twelve. Through hard work and diligence, he learned how to operate his dealerships successfully, with a commitment to quality and service that won him this impressive award.

In addition to his excellence in business, Mr. Daub also gives much of his time back to the community. He is a board member of the Lehigh Valley Easter Seal Society, the State Theatre for the Arts, and the United Way of the Lehigh Valley. In addition, Mr. Daub is president of the Brown-Daub Foundation, which provides educational and social services to thousands of citizens in my district. I applaud Mr. Daub for his professional achievements and his involvement in his community.

IN MEMORY OF MARY M.
BRANNAGAN OF PAWCATUCK,
CONNECTICUT

HON. SAM GEJDENSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a very heavy heart to offer a few words in memory of Mary Mullaney Brannagan of

Pawcatuck, Connecticut. Mary was my friend and an outstanding public servant in the southeastern Connecticut for decades. She will be missed by countless members of the community whose lives she touched during her long and meaningful life.

Mary was born in Pawcatuck in 1908 and lived in the same house her entire life. Early in her career, she was a teacher in the business department of Stonington High School until her retirement in the 1950s. Over many years, she served as a clerk in the office of probate judge and for a brief period as judge of probate. She was well-known by everyone in Town Hall. Later in life, she was an active volunteer with the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center, which provides a range of essential services to residents in the community. She was affectionately known as the "daffodil lady" because she sold bouquets of daffodils each year to raise funds for the Center.

Mary was also the pillar of the Democratic party in Stonington for many decades. In this capacity, she helped every Democratic leader—including this member—to understand that our party represents the interest of working Americans who have made this country great. To her final days, she had an acute political sense and understood the pulse of the community better than anyone.

Mr. Speaker, Mary has been widely remembered as a friend, a mentor and a leader. She reached out to every member of the community and had an extended family which is too numerous to count. Everyone who knew her will remember her fondly. I extend my deepest sympathy to her son and daughter. We can take comfort in the fact that Mary Brannagan's memory will endure in Pawcatuck through her many good deeds, years of service and friendships.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with a great sense of honor that I rise to celebrate Black History Month and its 2000 theme—Heritage and Horizons, the African-American Legacy and the Challenges of the 21st century. As I consider this year's theme, I reflect on this great nation's African-American heritage, and anticipate a multitude of future accomplishments in the new millennium.

As we reflect on the great African-American contributions made to our nation's history, I would like to draw your attention to some individuals who were the first in representing the African-American community in Indiana's First Congressional District: William Burke, the first African-American police officer in Gary; Lonnie Bolden, the first African-American firefighter in Gary; Bernard Carter, the first African-American Prosecutor in Lake County; and Rudy Clay, the first African-American State Senator.

These individuals, the trailblazers for our future leaders, had the courage and initiative to set high aspirations, achieve their goals, and become role models for our youth. We must recognize this great African-American heritage, honor our African-American pioneers and celebrate their accomplishments. However, we must stop there. We are at the dawn of a new century.

A true role model for today's youth is Karen Freeman-Wilson of Indiana's First Congressional District. Karen, a native of Gary, recalls showing her seventh grade report card to her father. Her grades included 5 "A's" and one "B". After indicating his pleasure, her father told her if she brought up the "B" and continued to work hard, she could achieve any goal she could conceive. She became the 1978 valedictorian for Gary Roosevelt High School, the first in her family to attend college, and in 1985, a graduate of Harvard Law School. She then returned to her home in Lake County to confront new challenges as a deputy prosecutor and later a public defender. From 1989 to 1992, she headed the Indiana Civil Rights Commission, guiding legislation which made Indiana the first state in the nation to pass fair housing laws aligned with the federal government's. She also brought Indiana law into alignment with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Karen was appointed a Gary Circuit Court judge in 1994, the first African-American to serve in that position. As a judge, she developed programs to combat drug addiction, gang involvement and teen smoking. In addition, she has worked with Gary pediatrician Dr. Steve Simpson to establish a home for babies born addicted to crack cocaine.

On February 21, 2000, Karen Freeman-Wilson confronted her latest challenge when she was appointed to be the youngest Indiana State Attorney General. As Attorney General, Karen vows to continue her efforts to protect children, the elderly, and victims of rape and domestic violence, while providing quality legal representation of all the people of Indiana.

Karen clearly states that she owes her personal and professional success to many influential leaders and activists who paved the way before her. Now, Karen Freeman-Wilson is paving the way for young African-American children to confront and conquer new challenges.

I would also like to draw your attention to two distinguished African-American youths who have emerged victorious after facing many difficulties and will lead us into the 21st century. Dominic Adams, a junior at Lew Wallace High School in Gary, is currently serving as a Congressional page. Dominic is a member of the male role model program at his high school, head of the school newspaper, and a member of the Christ Baptist Church youth choir.

Another distinguished young person is Andrea Ledbetter, a senior at Emerson High School in Gary. She recently won a national Target scholarship. Andrea is involved in many activities including the Gary Youth NAACP Chapter, U.S. People to People Student Ambassador Program, Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program, Academic Super Bowl team, and Governor O'Bannon's Indiana Point of Youth Program. As a part of a citywide Stop-the-Violence rally in Gary, Andrea was instrumental in recruiting cheerleaders from each of the area high schools to provide routines aimed at increasing the peace. In addition, Andrea is an outstanding academic student, ranked number one in her class with a grade point average of 4.10 on a four-point scale. Andrea and Dominic are fine representatives of their high schools in Gary, of Indiana's First Congressional District, and of Future African-American leaders.

As we celebrate Black History Month, let us all continue our work together. Let us cele-

brate our country's African-American heritage and commemorate it. Let us address the challenges of the 21st century, encouraging and helping our young African-Americans to achieve success.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN WATERS' "ENDLESS CHAIN"

HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, North Carolina has produced many notable individuals and accomplishments. From Andrew Jackson to Michael Jordan and from the first American born child to first in flight. North Carolina has a lot to brag about. There is one North Carolinian in particular who I wish to remember today, Mr. Benjamin Franklin Waters.

Mr. Benjamin Waters was from the small town of Dover, which is located in historic Craven County, North Carolina. In 1907 Mr. Waters received a patent for a revolutionary new invention, which he called "the endless chain." The principle behind his invention is used today as the tracks of our amphibious military tanks and in machinery such as farm equipment.

Mr. Waters invented the "endless chain" as a useful improvement for boats. The original patent specifications give Mr. Waters credit for "propelling mechanism . . . comprise(d) of an) endless chain of propeller blades which travel about and below the boat and which are so constructed that water will be prevented from getting behind the blades and thereby retarding the progress of the boat."

As is often the case, it was only by accident that Mr. Waters realized the potential use for his invention on land. He and his brother, Frank Waters, who had helped him build his invention, were out testing their model one Sunday afternoon using a clock spring as a power source. They placed the boat into the water and sent it to the other side, only to have the boat quickly run up the bank and onto land. This amazing discovery led Mr. Waters to begin work on obtaining a new patent for use of his invention on land.

Unfortunately, plans for the new patent were not completed before Mr. Waters was tragically killed at the age of 35. He was deaf and did not hear the oncoming train that would take his life as he attempted to cross the railroad tracks. His family claims that Mr. Waters' workshop was broken into and all of his drawings and sketches stolen soon after his death. Thus he never received credit for invention's capability and utility on land. In 1924 the right to his patent on water also expired.

However, today, the "endless chain" lives on in daily use by our military, our farmers, and our industries. I wish to officially recognize Mr. Benjamin Franklin Waters and thank him for his ingenuity in providing us the principles of the "endless chain."

INDIA TRIES TO FALSELY IMPLICATE SIKHS IN MURDER OF CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY BY USING ALIAS "SINGH"

HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, the Tribune newspaper of India reported on February 9 that the Indian government has identified the killer of Christian missionary Graham Staines as Dara Singh, but his real name is Rabinder Kumar Paul. The use of "Singh" is a smear against the Sikhs designed to create the impression that Sikhs were somehow responsible for the Staines murder and put the Christians against the Sikhs, promoting India's divide-and-rule strategy against minorities.

The facts do not support this. Staines, an Australian missionary, and his two young sons were burned to death in their jeep. They were surrounded by a mob of militant Hindus affiliated with the RSS, which is the parent organization of the ruling BJP. These fundamentalist Hindus chanted "Victory to Hannuman," a Hindu god, while the Staines family's jeep burned. Yet India wants to create the impression that one person was responsible for this brutal murder and that he is a Sikh.

Mr. Speaker, I am offended by this open manipulation of both Christians and Sikhs. Apparently, India is concerned about the support that leaders of the freedom movements of South Asia have showed for each other. So they have resorted to this divisive strategy to preserve their empire.

The time has come for America, the beacon of freedom, to take strong measures to stop India from pursuing this campaign to turn one minority against another. First, we must cut off our aid to India. We must recognize its violations of religious liberty and impose appropriate sanctions. Then we must declare our support for free and fair plebiscites, under international supervision, on the question of independence for Punjab, Khalistan, for Kashmir, and for Nagaland.

Pitting one group against the other to maintain a corrupt, brutal tyranny is not a democratic or a moral way to behave.

HONORING KING HUSSEIN AND
QUEEN NOOR OF THE
HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor his Majesty the late King Hussein and her Majesty Queen Noor of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and to bring to the attention of my colleagues a special event that will take place on April 6, 2000. On this evening, the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation will sponsor "A Royal Evening for Peace" in Santa Barbara, California.

The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation works to create a more peaceful and secure future for humanity through its projects and activities, and annually honors an outstanding individual

in the cause of peace. This year the Foundation will honor the late King Hussein with its prestigious Peace Leadership Award for his courageous efforts in forging an atmosphere of trust and peace in his country of Jordan and throughout the Middle East.

Her Majesty Queen Noor worked with her husband in these pursuits and has carried on this work creating peace in Jordan and around the world. She has worked tirelessly to eradicate landmines, improve the lives of women and children, and promote economic sustainability.

Mr. Speaker, I know that the immeasurable contributions that King Hussein and Queen Noor have made to their country and to the world have changed the course of history. Their dedication to peace and humankind will continue in perpetuity. I thank her Majesty Queen Noor on behalf of the 22nd Congressional District of California and I am honored by her visit.

IMF REFORM ACT OF 2000

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation to fundamentally change the way the International Monetary Fund (IMF) operates. The bill is an outcome of a 2-year JEC research program that has included eight Joint Economic Committee (JEC) studies and reports and 5 hearings on the IMF and its operations. The bill, entitled the "IMF Reform Act of 2000," expands on my IMF Transparency and Efficiency Act of 1998, a version of which became law in that year.

The legislation I am introducing today builds on previous efforts to provide more transparency and efficiency in IMF operations. The IMF is far too secretive and its use of pervasive interest rate subsidies is economically indefensible. IMF finances must become transparent, and its policy of extremely low interest rates, currently under 5 percent, for countries such as Russia and Indonesia must be ended. Such uncreditworthy countries should not be able to borrow at interest rates below the cost of funds of IMF donors such as the United States.

My bill would mandate IMF financial transparency and IMF lending at market interest rates, and would also reduce the maturity of loans to less than one year. IMF lending would be restricted to crisis lending only. Furthermore, IMF lending safeguards are needed to end the IMF traditional "see no evil, hear no evil" approach to potential corruption. The IMF's continued lending to countries that have falsified loan documents or other information is very hard to justify to taxpayers. Strict accounting controls and safeguards should be instituted to prevent misuse, and if insufficient further lending should be halted.

This bill would also improve transparency by requiring a reorganization of the public financial statements of the Fund. As a former IMF research director recently observed, "the Fund's jerry-built structure of financial provisions has meant that almost nobody outside and, indeed, few inside, the Fund understand how the organization works, because relatively simple economic relations are buried under in-

creasingly opaque layers of language. This is the very point I have made for over two years in pressing for greater transparency in IMF finances, and it is good to see agreement on this point.

Over the last two years our research at the JEC has uncovered a number of fascinating facts about how the IMF is financed, IMF subsidies, and IMF lending practices. I look forward to a substantive and vigorous debate on IMF reform based on this research and facts. There will be other points of view and other legislative ideas, but I am convinced that this bill includes the right basic ingredients of IMF reform. As usual, I plan to use every opportunity to advance these ideas into law, as with the IMF reforms enacted into law in 1998 and 1999.

268TH BIRTHDAY OF GEORGE WASHINGTON

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, earlier this month we marked the 268th anniversary of the birth of the Father of our Nation, General George Washington.

It is regrettable that the establishment of "President's Day" as a national holiday has put onto the back burner the remarkable achievements of this incredible, irreplaceable American. I understand that one of our automobile companies commemorated "President's Day" by having an actor disguised as General Washington blow out 269 candles on a faux birthday cake. Considering that this auto company couldn't be bothered to get the number of the year correct, we can imagine to our consternation the other injustices perpetrated against the man who was "first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

Last week, I was honored to be asked to deliver brief remarks at the celebration of Washington's Birthday at the Masonic Historic Site in Tappan, NY, in Rockland County in my Congressional District.

I would like to share with my colleagues my remarks delivered at that time, and insert them into the RECORD at this point:

REMARKS BY REP. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN, 20TH DISTRICT—NY, FEBRUARY 20, 2000

Right Worshipful Ambrose R. Kurtzke; Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain John H.R. Jackley Jr.; Brother Masons; Friends:

We are gathered today, as we have gathered every February, to commemorate the birth of the greatest American of all time, and our Brother Mason, General George Washington.

Two hundred years ago this month, Masonic Lodges throughout the United States gathered to pay tribute to President Washington's 268th birthday. Those commemorations in the year 1800 were bittersweet, for Brother Washington had passed away two months earlier, having died of what was apparently a strep throat on December 14, 1799.

Soon after his death, Richard Henry Lee, a Congressman from Virginia, declared on the floor of Congress that Washington was "first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

No truer words were ever spoke.

George Washington's record as our nation's Commander in Chief during our War for Inde-

pendence was incredible. With a small, ragged force, he skillfully brought the greatest military power on the face of the earth at that time to its knees. He did this despite the fact that his Army was ill equipped, ill financed, and that he was constantly the target of intrigues to replace him.

At the end of the Revolutionary War, Washington set an example for all time by refusing to allow his Army to set him up as dictator of the United States—a temptation that no military ruler in other nations has been able to resist.

He turned down the crown of the United States at his New Windsor encampment, just a few miles north of here, in Orange County, NY.

In peacetime, George Washington lent his great prestige to the cause of establishing a strong central government. Many historians contend that our Constitution would never have been ratified had not our state governments been confident that George Washington would be our first president.

And, Brother Masons, I regret to note that in the face of some revisionist historians out to make a name for themselves by denigrating Washington's good name, it has become our responsibility to make certain that George Washington remains "first in the hearts of our countrymen."

It is our task and responsibility to make certain the truth about this saintly man will not be forgotten.

Have a happy Washington's birthday. Thank you and God Bless!

A SALUTE TO HAROLD TAYLOR

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a good friend of mine, Harold Taylor. He is an advocate for all ages who provides leadership and inspiration to many in my 13th Congressional District of California. Both Harold and his wife, Marie, dedicate a great deal of time and effort helping people and organizations in their community.

Harold's involvement spans a wide variety of activities. He has held leadership positions with the Boy and Girl Scouts, the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), and the California Retired Teachers Association (CRTA). In addition, Harold has spent over twelve years advocating health insurance issues for seniors on the state level.

In his work for the California Retired Teachers, Harold demonstrated true leadership in educating and lobbying Members of Congress for a correction in the Medicare Part A Hospital buy-in provision, which will help thousands of retired teachers obtain affordable health insurance. His lobbying and persuasive presentations were the key to several hundred million dollars worth of improvements in the program for teachers nationwide, and especially those in California.

Educating and interacting with children has always been a priority for Harold. He spent thirty-four years teaching physical education and special education classes to elementary school children. Additionally, Harold has coached basketball and little league, taught Sunday school, acted as a youth group counselor, and has worked with the San Lorenzo Community Organizing Committee.

One of Harold's most recent successes has been his involvement in planning a fundraiser

for the Family Emergency Shelter Coalition (FESCO). Two years ago, the Volunteer Center announced it would not be holding the annual Human Race Walkathon, FESCO's largest fundraiser. Being his usual take-charge self, Harold announced that FESCO could do the walkathon on its own, and so was born the Shelter Shuffle. Harold's great leadership and organizational skills made the Shelter Shuffle FESCO's most successful walkathon ever.

All of Harold's contributions and successes have not gone unrecognized over the years. His fame started many years ago when he was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame in Chico for basketball and track. His dedication to improving and expanding the Boy Scouts in the Tres Ranchos area awarded him the Silver Beaver Award, one of Scouting's highest honors. Finally, last year, Harold was nominated for an award at Hayward's Volunteer Dinner in recognition for his service.

Harold's love and interest in helping and interacting with others continues to be the force behind his dedication and his actions. I ask my colleagues to join with me today in recognizing and honoring Harold Taylor as a true leader whose example inspires others to work towards a greater good in their communities.

FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, this Member highly commends and submits for the RECORD this February 15, 2000, editorial from the Omaha World Herald regarding attempts by the Clinton Administration to require businesses to provide paid family and medical leave for employees.

[From the Omaha World-Herald, Feb. 15, 2000]

NO ONE THERE TO PAY

Government-mandated family leave policies cause a particular difficulty for people who want government to do a great deal more to make life comfortable: No readily tappable reservoir of money exists to conveniently cover the costs.

Currently people must go without pay if they exercise their rights under the 1993 federal law entitling them to 12 weeks away from work each year for family reasons. The time off can be used to care for a sick family member or bond with a newly adopted or newborn child.

The original promoters of family leave in the 1980s said "No, never" when they were accused of planning to slip in a paid-leave requirement later. Now, predictably, "No, never," has turned into "Unfair—some people can't afford to take time off without pay."

However, a majority of Congress has never bought into the idea that government should force employers to keep the paychecks coming for extended family leave. Moreover, the thought of taxing the general public has also been a non-starter—it raises such questions as why a family that sacrificed to have a stay-at-home caregiver should pay higher taxes to subsidize the paid leave of a two-earner family.

Thus when President Clinton came around to paid family leave on the list of social programs he wants to leave as a legacy, he used

an indirect approach. He said he would ask Congress for \$20 million in grant money to encourage state governments to find a way to pay people who took time off. He had previously suggested raiding accounts currently used to compensate the jobless and temporarily disabled workers—accounts that in many states are flush because of economic growth and low unemployment in recent years. But other creative ideas are encouraged, he said.

It's always easy to be generous with someone else's money, but in our opinion Congress shouldn't even start down that road. Unemployment and disability funds aren't a windfall and shouldn't be treated as one. Much of the money in the fund resulted from a special tax collected only from businesses. Industries with a history of more layoffs paid proportionately more.

In theory, the special tax rates are lowered when a healthy balance exists in the jobless accounts. Businesses would have a legitimate complaint if they were forced to continue to pay because the fund was drawn upon for reasons other than those for which it was established. And what happens if a recession sends unemployment soaring and the fund is drawn down to pay for family leave? How healthy would it be to raise business taxes still higher at the very time the vitality of the job-producing sector is under stress?

The president showed a glimmer of understanding when he noted that his widowed mother was able to get job training because his grandparents cared for him while she attended school. No federal mandates were involved. But Clinton quickly dismissed the significance of that saying that his family had been lucky. He contends that a federal mandate is needed because not everyone has that kind of luck.

As past editorials in this space have noted, Clinton's lack of firsthand experience with the private sector undermines his credibility on workplace issues. He said no American worker should have to choose between job and family. But such choices are made all the time. Balancing the various parts of one's life is a normal part of adulthood.

And it's by no means a one-sided choice. Long before family leave was invented as a liberal political cause, fathers and mothers were dealing with such issues with the help of extended families, carefully scheduled vacations, generous workplace friends and kind neighbors.

Sympathetic employers—the kind whose existence is seldom acknowledged by the left—also played a role in helping people manage. Competitiveness was also a factor. In a 1987 survey, 77 percent of 1,000 companies indicated that they already had formal or informal family leave policies. In some cases, employees were compensated while taking time off.

So, long before Congress passed the original family leave law, the private sector was already moving forward. It would be interesting to know if this initiative has accelerated—or slowed—in the years since the government served notice that it was taking over the field.

HOUSING FINANCE REGULATORY IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2000

HON. RICHARD H. BAKER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. BAKER. Mr. Speaker, today, Chairman LEACH and I introduce a bill to improve the

regulation of the three housing GSEs: FannieMae, FreddieMac, and the Federal Home Loan Banks.

The bill is designed to implement a GAO recommendation to consolidate GSE regulation into one independent board. Currently, three agencies regulate the three housing GSEs. The Federal Housing Finance Board regulates the Federal Home Loan Banks for safety and soundness and mission compliance. HUD regulates the mission compliance of FannieMae and FreddieMac; the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight regulates them for safety and soundness.

Based on several studies it conducted, GAO found that the creation of a single regulator to oversee both safety and soundness and mission compliance of the housing GSEs would lead to improved oversight. GAO identified these advantages:

A single regulator could be more independent and objective than the separate regulatory bodies and could be more prominent than either OFHEO or FHFB.

The regulators' expertise in evaluating GSE risk management could be shared more easily within one agency.

A single regulator would be better positioned to be cognizant of specific mission requirements, such as special housing goals or new programs, and should be better able to assess their competitive effect of all three housing GSEs and ensure consistency of regulation for the GSEs.

GAO analyzed different regulatory structures that could be used for a single housing GSE regulator. It found that an independent, arm's-length, stand-alone regulatory body headed by a board would best fit its criteria for an effective regulatory agency. GAO cited these advantages:

An independent regulatory body should be positioned to achieve the autonomy and prominence necessary to oversee the large and influential housing GSEs.

Using a board would enable Congress to provide for representation that could help ensure the regulator's independence and provide appropriate balance and expertise in the regulators' deliberations of both safety and soundness and mission-related issues.

A board could be structured to provide equal links to HUD, due to its role in housing policy, and Treasury, due to its roles in finance and financial institution oversight.

I believe that an independent board consisting of five persons, including representatives from HUD and Treasury, is a more effective oversight agency for the three housing GSEs than the current regulatory system. The Federal Home Loan Banks, FannieMae, and FreddieMac have essentially the same mission: to provide access to mortgage credit for families throughout the United States. We should not have inconsistent regulations for them.

In short, the bill seeks to improve supervision and to diminish the systemic risk of FannieMae, FreddieMac, and the Federal Home Loan Banks. The provisions in the bill intend to do the following:

1. Consolidate regulation of the three housing GSEs.
2. Reform the approval process for new GSE initiatives.
3. Limit GSEs' non-mission related investments.
4. Remove each GSE's line of credit with the Treasury.

5. Impose uniform risk-based capital requirements on the GSEs.

6. Require annual credit ratings of each GSE.

7. Puts into statute the current GSE practice of maintaining the conforming loan limit to reflect downward movement in average home prices.

8. Equalize the capital treatment of GSE and private-label mortgage-backed securities.

9. Study the exposure of the deposit insurance funds to GSE failure.

10. Gives authority to the new regulator; the power to appoint a receiver in case of GSE failure.

Times of crises are never the best time to act because the focus is on past problems rather than on future risks. We must not forget the painful lessons from the 1980s. Taxpayers can be put at risk during systemic downturns in economic activity. The recommended actions in my legislation are intended to protect your constituents from paying another tax dollar for events beyond their control, even in the case of GSEs. It is best to act now while our GSEs are healthy.

The housing GSEs are large and growing larger. The total obligations of the three housing GSEs is about half of our \$5.6 trillion federal debt. To assure they remain healthy throughout economic downturns and that taxpayers are never called upon to bail out GSEs, my bill aims to improve their supervision.

I hope that the House of Representatives consider the merits of my legislation as I conduct a series of hearings.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

A Bill to consolidate and improve the regulation of the housing-related government-sponsored enterprises and for other purposes
TITLE I—HOUSING FINANCE OVERSIGHT BOARD

SUBTITLE A—IMPROVEMENT OF SUPERVISION

Sec. 101. Establishment of Board

The Housing Finance Oversight Board is established as an independent agency in the executive branch. The Board succeeds to the authority of the Director of the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight (OFHEO), the Federal Housing Finance Board (FHFB), and the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in regard to the enterprises (Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac).

The Board consists of five full-time members, including the Secretary of HUD, the Secretary of the Treasury, and three U.S. citizens appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate for a term of six years.

The appointed members must have extensive experience or training in housing finance, financial institution regulation, or capital markets. Not more than three members may be from the same political party.

No Board member may hold any office, position, or employment with any FHLBank, enterprise, or FHLBank member, or hold stock in any FHLBank member or enterprise.

The President designates an appointed director to serve as Chairperson of the Board. The Chairperson carries out the Board's policies, acts as spokesperson for the Board, and represents the Board in its official relations with the federal government. The Chairperson acts as chief executive officer of the Board, responsible for the operations and management of the Board.

Sec. 102. Duties and Authorities of Board

The Board's principal duties are to ensure that the enterprises and the FHLBanks oper-

ate in a financially safe and sound manner, carry out their mission, and remain adequately capitalized. The Board also exercises general supervisory and regulatory authority over the enterprises and the FHLBanks.

Sec. 103. Public disclosure of Information

The enterprises and the FHLBanks are required to publicly disclose at least annually financial, business, and other information that the Board determines is in the public interest because the information would increase the efficiency of the secondary mortgage market or the housing finance system.

Sec. 104. Personnel

The Board may not delegate any function to any employee, administrative unit of any FHLBank, or joint office of the FHLBank System.

Sec. 105. Assessments

The Board may annually assess the enterprises for reasonable costs and expenses, without Congressional appropriations approval. Receipts from Board assessments on the FHLBanks must be deposited in the same Treasury Department Fund as assessments on the enterprises.

Sec. 106. Public Disclosure of Final Orders and Agreements

Public disclosure requirements of orders and agreements concerning the enterprises are extended to the FHLBanks.

Sec. 107. Limitation on Subsequent Employment

The two-year limit on subsequent employment of former Board officers or employees by the enterprises is extended to the FHLBanks.

Sec. 108. Regulations

The Board must issue any regulations and orders necessary to carry out its duties.

Sec. 109. Termination of authority of HUD

The Secretary of HUD's general regulatory authority over the enterprises is removed, including affordable housing goals. HUD retains Fair Housing Act responsibilities.

Sec. 110. Approval of Board for New Activities

The Board has the authority to approve new activities and to review ongoing activities of an enterprise or a FHLBank to ensure legal compliance.

An enterprise or FHLBank may not commence any new activity before obtaining the Board's approval. New activity is defined for the enterprises and the FHLBanks, respectively. The Board may approve a new activity only if it is authorized by law, the Board determines the enterprise or FHLBank can conduct the new activity in a safe and sound manner, and the Board determines the new activity is in the public interest.

An enterprise or FHLBank proposing to implement a new activity must submit to the Board a written request for approval; the Board will publish this request in the Federal Register for at least a 30-day public comment period. Within 90 days of Federal Register publication, the Board will approve or deny the request. If the Board denies a request, the enterprise or FHLBank may seek judicial review of the decision.

Sec. 111. Limitation on Nonmission-related Assets

The Board must limit the nonmission-related assets that the enterprises and the FHLBanks may hold at any time.

Sec. 112. Conforming Loan Limits

Puts into statute the current GSE practice of maintaining the conforming loan limit to reflect downward movement in average home prices.

Sec. 113. Definitions

Inserts the new Board in the Definitions section.

Sec. 114. Supervision of Federal Home Loan Bank System

Makes the FHLBanks subject to the supervision and regulation of the Board.

Sec. 115 Amendments to Title 5, U.S. Code

Strikes Director of OFHEO and Chairperson/Directors of FHFB and inserts the new Board, with regard to executive schedule pay rates.

SUBTITLE B—REDUCTION OF SYSTEMIC RISK

Sec. 131. Annual Review of Enterprises by Rating Organizations

The Board will annually provide for two nationally recognized statistical rating organizations to assess the financial condition of each enterprise, each FHLBank, and the FHLBank System to determine the level of risk that they will be unable to meet financial obligations, taking into consideration the legal status that those obligations are not guaranteed by the United States. These assessment must include assigning a credit rating, using a scale similar to what the organizations use for the obligations of other financial institutions.

Sec. 132. Annual Reports

Requirements for annual reports and enforcement action reports concerning the enterprises are extended to the FHLBanks.

Sec. 133. Risk-based Capital Test for Enterprises

Allows the Board to make changes in the stress period circumstances of the risk based capital test for the enterprises.

Sec. 134. Effective Date for Supervisory Actions

Shortens from one year to six months the effective date for supervisory actions applicable to undercapitalized enterprises, subsequent to the risk based capital test taking effect for the enterprises.

Sec. 135. Appointment of Receivers

If an enterprise is critically undercapitalized or a FHLBank does not comply with its leverage and risk-based capital requirements, the Board may appoint a receiver to liquidate or wind up the affairs of the enterprise or FHLBank.

Sec. 136. Repeal of Treasury Lines of Credit

Repeals the \$2.25 billion line of credit from the Treasury Department for each enterprise and the \$4 billion line of credit from the Treasury Department for the FHLBanks.

Sec. 137. Board Membership on Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council

Makes the Board a member of the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FIFIEC).

Sec. 138. Elimination of Super-lien for Federal Home Loan Banks

Eliminates the priority given a FHLBank's security interest in the assets of a member financial institution that fails.

Sec. 139. Federal Home Loan Bank Finance Corporation

Establishes a FHLBank Finance Corporation as a federally-chartered instrumentality to issue and service the debt obligations of the FHLBanks. Management of the Corporation is vested in a board of directors, with each FHLBank having one representative (an officer or director of the FHLBank) on the Board. Consolidated obligations issued by the Corporation shall be the joint and several obligations of all the FHLBanks.

Sec. 140. Capital Treatment of Private Label Mortgage-backed Securities

Expresses the sense of Congress that proposed agency rules addressing the treatment of privately issued mortgage backed securities under risk-based capital requirements are appropriate and the final rules should not be significantly altered.

Sec. 141. Study of Effects of GSE Failure on Depository Institutions

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, in consultation with the Federal Reserve Board, will conduct a study of the existing exposure of depository institutions to default or failure of the enterprises and FHLBanks and the effects such failures would have on depository institutions. The study will determine: (1) the extent of equity, debt, and mortgage-backed securities issued by the GSEs that is held by depository institutions; (2) the likely implications for depository institutions arising from such holdings if any GSE fails to meet risk-based capital requirements, is more severely undercapitalized, or defaults on its financial obligations; and (3) the effects on the financial exposure of depository institutions to GSEs from restricting loans to a single borrower.

SUBTITLE C—GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 161. Conforming and Technical Amendments

Amends statutes to insert the new Board.

Sec. 162. Effective Date

The effective date is 270 days following enactment.

TITLE II—TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS, PERSONNEL, AND PROPERTY

Sec. 201. Abolishment of OFHEO and Federal Housing Finance Board

The OFHEO and the FHFB are abolished, effective 270 days following enactment. Various issues are addressed to facilitate an orderly transfer of functions to the Board.

Sec. 202. Continuation and Coordination of Certain Regulations

All OFHEO, FHFB, and HUD (related to the enterprises) regulations and orders in effect upon abolishment must remain in effect and be enforceable by the Board until determined otherwise.

Sec. 203. Transfer and Rights of Employees of Abolished Agencies

OFHEO and FHFB employees will be transferred to the Board. Such employees are guaranteed a position with the same status, tenure, grade, and pay as previously held. Each employee cannot be involuntarily separated or reduced in grade or compensation for 18 months following the transfer, except for cause or temporary employee status. Membership in employee benefit programs is also retained for 18 months.

Sec. 204. Transfer of Property and Facilities

Upon abolishment, all OFHEO and FHFB property transfers to the Board.

INTRODUCTION OF CIPRIS CORRECTION BILL

HON. PATSY T. MINK

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a bill that will repeal a burden being placed on our colleges and universities.

In 1996, Congress enacted the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act (IIRIRA) directing the INS to establish an electronic tracking program to monitor foreign students and scholars in the United States.

The Coordinated Interagency Partnership Regulating International Students, CIPRIS as it is called, was established to enable colleges, universities and exchange programs to

report information electronically to the INS, the Department of State, and the Department of Education.

CIPRIS is funded through a \$95 fee imposed on each student and visitor enrolled in higher education institutions or exchange programs.

Section 641(e) of IIRIRA requires that colleges and universities and exchange programs collect and remit this \$95 fee for each of these foreign students or exchange visitors.

This mandate places an inappropriate, costly, and unenforceable burden on our colleges and universities. Moreover, it establishes a dangerous precedent by requiring higher education institutions to act as collection agents for the federal government.

Significant financial costs will have to be undertaken by our colleges and universities to carry out this mandate. Thus, the collecting, processing, and remitting of CIPRIS fees will force universities to redirect resources away from educational endeavors to defray the additional costs of this mandate or it will result in higher educational costs for all students.

My bill corrects this problem by repealing Section 641(e) of IIRIRA. By repealing this section, foreign students will be responsible for remitting this fee to the government.

The colleges and universities will not serve as a collection agency for the government.

This bill will relieve our higher education institutions of a costly and timely burden and will allow them to spend time on what is most important—educating our youth.

I strongly urge my colleagues to join me in support of this measure.

CONGRATULATING M. NIGHT SHYAMALAN FOR HIS ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE SIXTH SENSE

HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. HOFFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate M. Night Shyamalan on the success of his film, the Sixth Sense. This film was recently nominated for an Academy Award for best picture of the year, and Mr. Shyamalan, a resident of Conshohocken in the 13th congressional district of Pennsylvania, was nominated for best director and best screenplay. I would like to recognize Mr. Shyamalan for his superior work in the field of filmmaking and writing.

Mr. Shyamalan's career did not begin with The Sixth Sense. Growing up in Montgomery County, in the suburbs of Philadelphia, his early passion for filmmaking began at the age of eight, when he was given his first super eight camera. By the age of 10, filmmaking had captured his heart. It was then that he started making short films, finishing forty-five by the age of 16. In 1992, following NYU film school, he made his first independent film, Praying With Anger, which he wrote, directed, starred in and produced. His next film was Wide Awake, which was set in his hometown of Philadelphia and was also successful. His third feature film, The Sixth Sense, became a surprise hit in the summer of 1999, ranking second in box office earnings. Recently, he also wrote the screenplay for Stuart Little.

The Sixth Sense is an incredible film that is surreal, emotional, entertaining and mystifying.

The movie showcases the great city of Philadelphia, celebrating many of its wonderful facets. In addition to the Academy Award nominations, Mr. Shyamalan has been nominated for the Chicago Film Critics Association Award for Best Screenplay, a Directors Guild of America Award for Outstanding Directorial Achievement in Motion Pictures, a Golden Globe for Best Screenplay, and he won a Golden Satellite Award for Best Screenplay.

Even with his success, Mr. Shyamalan handles himself with grace and humility. He has established a reputation for integrity and commitment to his community. He has creative and innovative approaches to filmmaking that have set him apart as a leader in the entertainment community. He has given us a sense of appreciation of the greater Philadelphia area in a unique and truly special film. We look forward to his next movie, Unbreakable, which has also been filmed in Philadelphia, and is due out soon. I know we will be hearing a lot more from M. Night Shyamalan in the future and I wish him much success.

IN RECOGNITION OF YESHIVA SCHOOLS AND DR. CYRIL WECHT

HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge an event that recently took place in my district. Dr. Cyril H. Wecht, a leading authority on medical and legal issues, was honored at the Yeshiva Schools Annual Dinner on February 20, 2000.

The Yeshiva School has been recognized nationwide as a Blue Ribbon School for its excellence in education. For over 50 years the school has been a contributor to the education of Pittsburgh's young people, a leader in continued achievement for Pittsburgh, and an institution in which all of Allegheny County can be proud.

Dr. Cyril H. Wecht, a resident of Allegheny County since childhood, is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh and received both his medical and law degrees there, as well. He is Allegheny County's coroner, and president of the medical staff at St. Francis Hospital. He is also a professor at the University of Pittsburgh and an adjunct professor at the Duquesne University School of Law. Dr. Wecht directs the Pittsburgh Institute of Legal Medicine and is a fellow of the College of American Pathologists and the American Society of Clinical Pathologists. Dr. Wecht served as a captain in the United States Air Force. He has written several best-selling books and published over four-hundred papers. He has been a leader in Democratic politics and government in Allegheny County. He is a supporter of Jewish organizations and institutions.

Dr. Wecht has been the recipient of many awards, including: the Meah Club Award from the Hebrew Institute of Pittsburgh; the Humanitarian Award from the Jewish War Veterans, Pennsylvania Department; the Man of the Year Award from the Israel Bonds ZOA; and the Hall of Fame Award for Outstanding Achievements in Professional, Communal and Governmental Activities by B'nai B'rith District Three. Also, he received the Lifetime Achievement Award from B'nai B'rith Areas of Western Pennsylvania, Western New York, West

Virginia, and Ohio and was recently named in Who's Who in Israel.

I congratulate Dr. Wecht and wish both him and the Yeshiva Schools continued success.

ONLY SON KILLED: \$50,000 HOSPITAL BILL AWAITS FAMILY WITH \$30,000 INCOME

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, of all the unspeakable sadness in the world, losing one's child has to be the greatest.

But in America, we often compound the pain with family bankruptcy.

The following article by Dennis Rockstroh from the San Jose Mercury of February 18, 2000 describes how "tragedy hits family doubly hard," in the case of the death of Eleazer Gamez, Jr.

What is wrong with us? Why can't we find in this time of wealth and prosperity a way to provide all our residents with health insurance and to remove at least the financial disaster of medical care. The goal of universal coverage should be the highest priority of this Congress and every Congress until all Americans have health care that is as good as we in Congress have.

I submit the aforementioned article for the RECORD.

[From the Mercury News, Feb. 18, 2000]

TRAGEDY HITS FAMILY DOUBLY HARD—LACK OF INSURANCE ADDS TO FAMILY'S PAIN IN LOSS OF ONLY CHILD

(By Dennis Rockstroh)

Shame on us. Forty-four million Americans, 11 million of them children, have no medical insurance.

Californians list it as a top priority right behind education, but to Carolina and Eleazer Gamez of Union City, the lack of health insurance was simply piled on anguish following the tragic death of their first and only child.

They haven't got the hospital bill yet, but they estimate it will be countless thousands of dollars they do not have.

They paid the funeral expenses with an aunt's credit card.

Twenty-month-old Eleazer Jr. was crushed between two cars about 3 p.m. on Feb. 4.

Eleazer's mom was taking him to her sister's house on 11th Street. He was in the care of an aunt in the back seat. As the aunt was getting out, she put the baby on the ground and then reached back into the car to get her purse.

The Gamez car was partially blocking a driveway and, in an instant, a car in the driveway zoomed out backward, striking the baby and smashing his head into the door.

Eleazer died in a hospital the next day.

"Paramedics took the child to Children's Hospital in Oakland for emergency surgery," another of the boy's aunts, Shirley Baker, told me. "But the trauma to the child was too great."

Salvador Mora, Carolina's brother and the spokesman for the family, said that his sister had just moved off welfare and was applying for health insurance from her husband's work.

Said Baker: "What makes this story so sad is that my cousin and her husband are about 20 years old. They are a newlywed couple trying to start a family. They were not

prepared for this tragedy and had no money to bury their son."

From family experience I can tell you that there is no grief to compare with the loss of a child. It is a lifelong sorrow.

Mora said the boy's dad is in denial and sleeps a lot, hoping he will wake from this terrible nightmare.

The boy's mom speaks mostly in monosyllables, but managed to tell me, "We can use all the help we can get."

"We're emotionally drained right now," said Mora. "We're overwhelmed with everything. My sister and her husband are taking this very, very hard. He's never experienced a loss in his family."

Mora said the family is expecting a bill of about \$50,000, dwarfing the combined annual family income of about \$30,000.

This is not an isolated case.

It's a national scandal.

Despite the best economy in 30 years, 44 percent of California respondents in the Field Poll released this week said they have gone without health insurance or have been financially responsible for someone without insurance in the past two years.

According to researchers, about one-quarter of California adults have no insurance.

The politicians have known of this state and national problem for years but failed to fix it.

Make no mistake, the Gamez family is a national victim of a system that excludes 44 million Americans. That's a lot of suffering.

There oughta be a law. In fact, the Field Poll found that 45 percent of those surveyed, regardless of political affiliation, ranked health care as an important issue, just behind education.

Meanwhile the Carolina and Eleazer Gamezes of the world will fall through the cracks, an American tragedy that can be avoided.

Besides pushing for adequate medical care for all Americans, there is something you can do to help the family.

A trust fund has been set up to pay the hospital and funeral bills.

Donations can be sent to the memorial trust fund: Eleazer Gamez Jr., Account No. 379-326020-4, Washington Mutual, 39995 Paso Padre Parkway, Fremont 92538.

Oh, and don't forget to vote.

STATEMENT BY THE HONORABLE WILLIAM L. CLAY ON INTRODUCTION OF THE "PUBLIC SCHOOL REPAIR AND RENOVATION ACT OF 2000"

HON. WILLIAM (BILL) CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing the "Public School Repair and Renovation Act of 2000," which will allocate \$1.3 billion to renovate 8,300 public schools in areas of financial need. Emergency plumbing, faulty electric, leaking roofs as well as asbestos removal and fire safety hazards will be the primary focus of these funds. President Clinton proposed this in his State of the Union Address. This measure will supplement Representative RANGEL's more comprehensive school modernization plan providing \$24 billion in tax credit bonds over two years for school construction.

Today, over one-third or more than over 28,000 public schools have inadequate heating, ventilation, and air condition systems.

Over 23,000 have inadequate plumbing, and more than 20,000 schools have crumbling roofs. A report to be released soon by the National Education Association documents \$307 billion dollars of unmet funding need for public school infrastructure and education technology. The Department of Education estimates that 2,400 new public schools will be needed by year 2003 to accommodate rising enrollments and to relieve overcrowding. In my State of Missouri, for example, the NEA report documents \$4.5 billion of infrastructure and school technology needs. In Chairman GOODLING's State of Pennsylvania, there are \$10.4 billion of unmet school construction projects. And Illinois, Speaker HASTERT's home state, there are over \$11 billion worth of unmet school construction needs. This school renovation act will set aside 10% of funds for direct grants to our nation's poorest school districts. Most of the remaining funds will provide either grants or loans, as determined by the Secretary of Education, to schools that lack the bond capacity or authority to issue bonds. Loans would have a zero interest rate, to be paid back over a 7 year period. Our failure to act on this critical measure will leave tens of thousands of our school children at risk.

I urge the Republican Majority to take action on school construction before we recess this summer.

90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

HON. LAMAR S. SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this month the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) was celebrated in our nation's Capitol. At the event I had the honor of hearing the remarks of Norman R. Augustine, who describes below what scouting means to America and the impact it has had on his life. I believe it is appropriate that at the beginning of the new millennium we pause to reflect on the accomplishments of this organization. It is a tribute to the vision of the founders of the BSA that the basic ideals upon which Scouting was founded have endured and are as important at the dawn of the 21st century as they were in the early years of the 20th century. I hope you will enjoy Norman R. Augustine's testimonial as much as I did.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA 90TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, FEBRUARY 8, 2000, WASHINGTON, D.C.

I have been asked this evening to draw upon my 56 years of membership in scouting to describe "in five minutes or less" what scouting means to America and to me. The task brings to mind the time my friend, David Roderick, then Chairman of U.S. Steel, was given an introduction so brief that it noted simply that he was one of America's most gifted businessmen, and as evidence thereof it was said he had made a million dollars in California oil.

Approaching the podium, it was obvious that David was uncomfortable. He began by saying that it had not been California, it had been Pennsylvania; and it had not been oil, it was coal. Further, it had not been a million dollars it was \$10,000; and it wasn't he, it was his brother. And he hadn't made it, he lost it!

So bravely and perhaps unwisely disregarding the hazards of brevity, I will . . . in the spirit of scouting . . . "do my best."

With respect to the impact of scouting on America, that is, ironically, the easier of the two questions for me to answer. Simply stated, scouting helps build new generations of leaders . . . leaders who understand that character does count. On many occasions I have noted that I learned more about leadership from scouting and sports than from any of the other things I have ever done.

In my youth, the professional and volunteer leaders whom I came to know, and who not incidentally are the people who make scouting possible, provided inspiration and served as mentors. These people profoundly affected my life . . . just as they and their counterparts have done for generation after generation of America's youth.

I suspect that if one were suddenly required to choose from a hundred total strangers a single individual to whom to entrust one's life or our country's future, and were permitted but a single question of them, a good start would be, "have any of you been scouts?" or better yet . . . "are any of you eagle scouts?"

Turning to the impact of scouting on my personal life, first and foremost scouting afforded extraordinary opportunities to build lasting and remarkable bonds between my father and myself and my son and myself. My son is an eagle scout, and we continued into adulthood many of the pursuits we first enjoyed together in scouting. The last adventure we undertook before he died this past year found us standing together on the north pole, much as we had stood together on mountain peaks in Colorado during his youth. Many of my fondest memories of Greg were inspired by our experiences in scouting.

That is not to say that those experiences were invariable easy. I have been to both the north pole and the south pole, but by far the coldest I have ever been was on a cub scout picnic! And there was the time when I was the only adult available to take my son's patrol on a long-anticipated hike. There was one minor problem: My leg was in a cast and I was relegated to walking with crutches. I assembled the boys and told them, very forcefully I thought, that I would serve as their adult leader . . . but only on the condition that they never get so far ahead of me on the trail that they could not see me: Whenever I should begin to drop out of sight they were to stop immediately and wait for me to catch up. All expressed enthusiastic agreement with this policy . . . so the hike began.

That was the last time I laid eyes on any of the boys until I came across the campsite they had established for the night!

Scouting of course helps prepare one for the challenges of life. In that regard I recall fondly the time my son and I became lost while backpacking in the Rockies. I immediately began sighting nearby mountain tops with my trusty compass. Greg, being of another generation, smugly whipped out from his pack a hand-held GPS receiver. After a few minutes of button-pushing and several puzzled glances at our map, he announced, "I know exactly where we are, dad. We're on that mountain right over there!"

This sort of thing may be the reason why my loyal wife, mother of an Eagle Scout, wife of an Eagle Scout, has over the years gradually come to consider "roughing it" to mean a slow bell hop!

Those not familiar with scouts and scouting might ask, do you really enjoy sleeping in the rain with a rock poking you in the ribs after a dinner of burned hot dogs and sandy marshmallows? Truthfully, the answer is no.

So then why do we do it?

I found the answer to this question when I was serving as Under Secretary of the Army and was visiting the 82nd Airborne Division. Talking with a grizzled old paratrooper who had parachuted more than 1,000 times, someone remarked that he certainly must like to jump. To our utter surprise, he responded, "I hate it". Asked why, then, in a volunteer Army, did he do it, his answer was simple: "I like to be around the kind of people who do."

There is in fact a certain kinship among all who have ever been involved in scouting. For example, there was the occasion a couple of years ago when I was leaving a Cleveland hotel and was being assisted in loading my baggage into a waiting car by the doorman, a large and powerfully built black man with a fetching smile.

Noting the scout pin in my lapel, he remarked, "I was a scout 22 years ago." He went on to point out with pride, "I am an Eagle Scout," to which I responded, "So am I." He said, with obvious satisfaction, "I can still say the scout law." I assured him I could as well. Oblivious to the group of people standing around us on the curb awaiting their cabs, my new-found friend looked at me with a twinkle in his eye and decided to put me to the test: "Trustworthy", he said! "Loyal", I responded. "Helpful", he replied. From there on we sort of continued together, "Friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent."

When we finished, the crowd on the curb burst into applause! As we shook hands to depart, I realized that this man was an instant friend simply because he had been a scout 22 years ago—and I one some 56 years ago.

The newspapers are fond of referring to wayward souls who have strayed from the beaten path by noting, "He is no boy scout." One of the finest compliments I can imagine anyone could pay to me is to say, "He is a boy scout".

And I know . . . because I am also a rocket scientist!

STEM CELL RESEARCH

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, Daniel Perry, with the Alliance for Aging Research, contributed an important article on stem cell research and ethics to the February 25, 2000 issue of Science. I submit it for the RECORD and urge my colleagues to read it carefully.

PATIENTS' VOICES: THE POWERFUL SOUND IN THE STEM CELL DEBATE

(By Daniel Perry)

Millions of patients may benefit from the applications of stem cell research, although there is disagreement about whether public funds should be used to develop the science. Patients have been key to winning political support. Acting as advocates, they have contended that public investment will speed the research and bring accountability to biomedical technology. A political dispute about the new research, which holds the potential for cures to devastating diseases and to foster healthy aging, shows the need to respect public sensibilities and to court public approval, as well as the importance of involving patients in debates where the methods of biomedical discoveries and ethical beliefs collide.

The achievement of isolating and growing cultures of self-renewing human pluripotent stem cells has set off waves of optimism among both researchers and the lay public (1). The promise is tangible for effective new approaches to incurable diseases and underlying biological processes (2). As shown in table 1, over 100 million Americans suffer from illnesses that might be alleviated by cell transplantation technologies that use pluripotent stem cells. Yet some representatives in Congress and some of the lay public, as well as religious groups such as the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, oppose putting public funds behind the technology. They say that stem cell research belongs under a federal ban that currently prohibits federal funding embryo research (3).

TABLE 1. PERSONS IN THE UNITED STATES AFFECTED BY DISEASES THAT MAY BE HELPED BY HUMAN PLURIPOTENT STEM CELL RESEARCH

Condition	Number of persons affected (in millions)
Cardiovascular diseases	58
Autoimmune diseases	30
Diabetes	16
Osteoporosis	10
Cancer	8.2
Alzheimer's disease	4
Parkinson's disease	1.5
Burns (severe)	0.3
Spinal cord injuries	0.25
Birth defects	0.150
Total	128.4

Data are from the Patients Coalition for Urgent Research, Washington, DC. Per year.

PATIENTS FOR RESEARCH

In 1999, a coalition of three dozen national nonprofit patient organizations, the Patient's, Coalition for Urgent Research (CURE), emerged to argue for public funding of human embryonic stem cell research under guidelines of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). This would achieve two goals: (i) participation by the broadest number of scientists under established peer-review mechanisms, thus rewarding the most promising research and speeding progress, and (ii) public accountability and guidelines developed through processes that allow for public comment on an area of science that has raised ethical concerns (4).

Why a patients' coalition? As taxpayers, patients and their family members are entitled to expect their government to make the most of a substantial public investment in biomedical research through the NIH and other agencies. And as the bearers of the ultimate burden when medicine cannot relieve their suffering, patients are the most compelling witnesses to the value of research that quite literally can save their lives.

In general, the patients and their advocates who are active for CURE display tempered optimism when it comes to appraising the chances of anyone's health benefiting soon from applications of stem cell research. Furthermore, broad views on the ethics and appropriateness of the technology have been expressed by those in CURE. For example, they believe in the principles of informed consent and free choice. Stem cell research must not lead to an underground black market in "spare" embryos for research. In addition, women and men, as individuals or as couples, should not be paid to produce embryos for research purposes.

The stories of patients and family members have fostered bipartisanship on Capitol Hill and have effectively complemented other activities such as the stance voiced by leading theologians from four major faiths—Roman Catholicism, Protestantism, Judaism, and Islam—who, noting the calls of their religions for compassion for the sick,

wrote a joint letter to Congress urging federal involvement (5).

THE BROADER STAKES

The promise of human pluripotent stem cell research increases the likelihood that vastly more people will experience healthy and productive aging. Age-related disease costs billions of dollars and burdens millions physically and financially (6). The additional costs in medical and long-term care that are incurred annually in the United States because its Medicare recipients lose their functional independence are calculated at \$26 billion (7).

One can imagine the cost 20 years from now in the United States alone, when the population over age 65 is expected to double and the number of Americans over age 85 is projected to quadruple (7). Unless bioscience engenders and receives broad popular support, in the future, nations like the United States, which have a rapidly increasing aging population, will more than likely struggle with a much greater health care

burden. This is why it is so important to respect public sensibilities and to court public approval fervently, even though it is also public approval fervently, even though it is also likely that the next discoveries will, too, collide with the ethical and religious beliefs of some.

In the stem cell debate, patients have stepped forward to help draw the line between science in service to the community and science for lesser motives. Sadly, some of their most compelling stories will be silenced before long by the progression of their diseases. It surely behooves us to remember their contributions and to engage their successors, who will continue to put a human face on the promise of biomedical research.

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